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CORRIGENDA.

Page 3, *line* 14, *for* "was the sum actually paid" *read* "is the sum specified in Archbishop William's charter."

Page 13, *line* 17, *for* "accepted" *read* "excepted."

,, 55, ,, 28, *for* "1574" *read* "1572."

,, 60, ,, 17, *for* "occurs" *read* "seems."

,, 80, ,, 20, *for* "gaiters" *read* "hose."

,, 80, ,, 21, *for* "Shearmen's" *read* "Tailors'."

,, 89, ,, 35, *for* "de Celane" *read* "of Colane [Cologne]."

,, 105, ,, 16, *for* "gaiters" *read* "hose."

,, 105, ,, 26, *for* "Pariagii" *read* "Paviagii."

,, 112, ,, 18, *for* "Apudle" *read* "Apud le."

,, 112, ,, 20, *for* "capitale" *read* "Capituli."

,, 121, ,, 3, *for* "plegiam" *read* "plegium."

,, 121, ,, 22, *for* "Biale" *read* "Riole."

,, 125, ,, 31
,, 131, ,, 2
,, 135, ,, 33
,, 136, ,, 37
} *for* "Conton" *read* "Couton."

,, 126, ,, 31, *for* "Baune" *read* "Bawme."

,, 130, ,, 14, *for* "carnibus" *read* "canibus."

,, 130, ,, 39, *for* "Newebygpyng" *read* "Newebyggyng."

,, 132, *lines* 13, 22, *for* "Ronthspitell" *read* "Routhespitell."

,, 133, *line* 3, *for* "Vsaconiæ" *read* "Vasconiæ."

,, 135, ,, 36 *for* "dimidii" *read* "dimidiæ."

,, 136, *last line*, *for* "Gov." *read* "Governors."

,, 138, *line* 27, *for* "Laugate" *read* "Lairgate."

,, 141, ,, 26, *for* "Aldermanus" *read* "Aldermanno."

,, 143, ,, 14, *for* "Rogeus" *read* "Rogerus."

,, 161, *last line*, *for* "Feyang" *read* "Fegang."

,, 169, *line* 2, *for* "Henyson's" *read* "Heryson's."

,, 174, ,, 27, *for* "*or* trumpeter?" *read* "*or* juggler."

THE RECORDS

OF THE

BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY.

THE records are kept in an upper room in the Town Hall next to and approached from the Council Chamber, through a heavy strong-room door, the key of which is in the custody of the Town Clerk. On the Council Chamber side it is reasonably fireproof, the wall being extremely thick, and probably on the two outer sides, but on one side it is enclosed by a wall only one brick thick; the floor is of stone, and the room below, used by the Police, is not much frequented.

The Charters are in drawers in a press made for the purpose. Documents belonging to charities (which have not been examined) are in similar drawers. The Account Rolls are kept in wooden boxes. The valuable Town Books, together with the miscellaneous documents described below, were, when found, somewhat in disorder.

The extant Records are only a scanty remnant of the magnificent series that once existed, and many were, like the valuable Book of the Provost of Beverley now restored to the Minster, only recovered a few years ago from the executors of a local antiquary, Mr. Gilliatt Sumner.

The Records consist of:—

1. The Charters. A list of these is given in the "History and Antiquities of the Town and Minster of Beverley" by George Oliver, Vicar of Clee, published at Beverley, 1829, at p. 377. It begins with the celebrated Charter of Archbishop Thurstan of York, which has been printed, from Rymer's *Fœdera*, in Bishop Stubbs's *Select Charters* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1870). Most of these Charters have been given with some fulness either in Oliver's History or in the more elaborate "Beverlac, or the Antiquities and History of the Town of Beverley and of the Provostry and Collegiate Establishment of St. John's," by George Poulson, 1829, 2 vols.; or will appear in the Calendars of Patent Rolls or Papal Bulls. They are, therefore, only noticed here so far as they appear in the Town Books. The Corporation possess an elaborate transcript of all these charters in two volumes, with translations on the opposite page, made by W. Illingworth, formerly Deputy Keeper of H.M. Records in the Tower of London, in pursuance of a resolution of the Corporation 5th March, 1810.

The copy of Thurstan's Charter printed by Bishop Stubbs has, however, a good many errors, and the copy of the same Charter given in the Town Chartulary has also errors. As this is (excluding London) one of the oldest Town Charters extant, a corrected copy is now given. It will be found to differ in some particulars from Mr. Illingworth's transcript, especially in the very important particular of the rent charge payable to the Archbishop for the Toll of the Town. It appears that he must have read the Charter wrong through his prepossession by the copy in Rymer's *Fœdera*. The rent is not xviii but viii marks a year. The words unfortunately occur in a much rubbed crease of the charter where it has been, and is, folded; but the reading seems to be not x and viii but v and iii. There is certainly not room before the iii for both v and x.

The Charter is as follows:—

"T. Dei gratia Eboracensis Archiepiscopus cunctis Christi fidelibus tam præsentibus quam futuris salutem(1), Dei benediccionem et suam.

Notum sit vobis me dedisse et concessisse, et consilio capituli Eboracensis et Beverlacensis et consilio meorum Baronum, mea carta confirmasse hominibus de Beverlaco omnes libertates eisdem legibus quibus illi de Eboraco habent in sua civitate.

Preterea non lateat vos quod dominus H. Rex noster nobis concessit potestatem faciendi h[ec](2) de bona voluntate sua, et sua carta confirmavit statuta nostra et leges nostras juxta formam legum burgensium de Eboraco, salva dignitate et honore Dei et S. Johannis et nostri et canonicorum; ut ita s[cilicet] honorem elemosinarum predecessorum suorum exaltaret et promoveret. Cum omnibus his liberis consuetudinibus, volo ut Burgenses mei de Beverlaco habeant suam Hanshus, quam eis do et concedo ut ibi sua statuta pertractent ad honorem Dei et S. Johannis et Canonicorum, et ad tocius villatus emendacionem, eadem libertatis(3) lege sicut illi de Eboraco habent in sua Hanshus.

Concedo et(4) eis teloneum(5) in perpetuum pro v(6) et iij^us (7 marchis annuatim, preterquam in tribus(8) festis in quibus teloneum(9) ad nos et ad Canonicos spectat, in festo s[cilicet] S. Johannis Confessoris in Maio et in festo translacionis S. Johannis et in nativitate S. Johannis Baptiste: in his vero tribus festis omnes Burgenses de Beverlaco ab omni teloneo liberos et quietos dimisi.

Hujus eciam carte testimonio eisdem Burgensibus liberos introitus et exitus concessi, s[cilicet] in villa et extra villam, in plano et bosco et maresio(10), in viis et in semitis et ceteris convenienciis, exceptis(11) pratis et bladis, sicut unquam melius, liberius, et largius aliquis possit concedere et confimare. Et sciatis quod sunt liberi et quieti ab omni teloneo(12) per totam schiram Eboraci sicut illi de Eboraco.

Et volo ut quicunque h[ec](13)[disfecerit](14) anathema sit, sicut ipsius ecclesie S. Johannis asserit consuetudo, et sicut statutum est in ecclesia S. Johannis.

Hii sunt testes, Gaufridus[15] Murdoc[16], Nigellus Fossard, [Alanus de][17] Perci, Walterus Spec[18], Eustachius filius Johannis, Tomas Prepositus, Turstinus Archidiaconus, Herbertus[19] Can[onicus][20] Willelmus filius Tole, Willelmus de[21] Baius[22], coram tota familia Archiepiscopi clericis et laicis in Eboraco."

The variants printed in Bishop Stubbs' edition are as numbered.

(1) et *is inserted.*
(2) hoc (the original has only h').
(3) liberatam.
(4) etiam.
(5) thelonium.
(6) } XVIII. Illingworth has X et VIII. The Town Chartu-
(7) } lary has VIII, and that was the sum actually paid.
(8) iis.
(9) theloneum.
(10) marisco.
(11) excepto in
(12) telonio.
(13) hoc.
(14) The word is absolutely illegible here. Illingworth has "discencit." It may have been plainer 80 years ago.
(15) } Galfridus Murdac.
(16) }
(17) There is no word here now at all. In the copy in the Town Chartulary it is given Abbas de. Illingworth has Alanus de.
(18) Es-pec.
(19) Herebertus Camerarius. The original is quite clearly
(20) *can,* not *cam.*
(21) } Baiocensis. Of course the meaning is the same.
(22) }

2. Account Rolls of the Keepers or Governors of the Town of Beverley to the time of the formal Incorporation of the Town and the creation of a Mayor by Charter of Queen Elizabeth in 1573. The years for which the accounts are extant are :—

1344	1502
1366	1519
1386	1520
1405	1523
1407	1541
1409	1545
1416	1556
1423	1557
1433	1558
1445	1559
1449	1562
1450	1570
1460	1572
1494	1573
	1574

From 1574 the accounts purport to be those of the Mayor. There are extant:—

1575	1660
1576	to
1577	1680 (inclusive, except
1578	1684 1664-65.)
1584	1686
1586	1688
1589	1689
1590	1690
1595	1692
1602	1693
to	1694
1614 (inclusive.)	1696
1625	1698
1644	1700
1646	1702
1647	to
1648	1720 (inclusive.)
1649	1722
1651	to
to	1729 (inclusive.)
1659 (inclusive.)	

They are all on parchment and till 1574 in Latin. Full translations of the two first are given below, and translated extracts, most copious in the earlier years, from the rest. The Rolls after 1574 have not been examined fully.

Extracts from the Rolls were given by Poulson in his *Beverlac*, but they are not always to be relied on.

It is to be regretted, too, that the Account Roll for 1420, which is perhaps that most copiously drawn from by Poulson, has disappeared since his day.

3. Minster Fabric Roll for the year 1447, in Latin. This has now appeared in the Transactions of the East Riding Antiquarian Society, Vol 6, 1898.

4. Roll of particulars of Chantries granted to the Town by Edward VI. This is imperfect. A copy of it from the Chantry Certificate (No. 73) of the Record Office is printed in Mr. W. H. Page's Yorkshire Chantry Surveys, Vol. II. p. 543, Surtees Society, 92, 1893.

5. Two Account Rolls of the churchwardens of St. Mary's for the years 1548-9 and 1551-2.

6. The Town Chartulary. This is apparently partly a copy of an older book now gone, which is referred to in other Town Records as the "Old Paper Register" and the "Large Register." It is a quarto volume, 11½ in. by 8 in., paper, bound in parchment. It is numbered in the middle of the leaf, and is stated to contain "41 leaves with a little labell in Englisshe." The label is there, but one leaf has disappeared. It contains the Ancient

customs of the Town, and divers extracts, charters, and documents bearing on its constitutions and privileges, and at the end a few Guild ordinances and contemporary documents. It seems to have been begun at the end of the 14th century, and is continued to 1452. A full account and copious extracts are given below. The Town and Guild Ordinances are mostly repeated in—

7. The Great Guild Book. This is a large parchment quarto, 15⅞ in. by 11½ in., numbering, besides two blank leaves at the beginning, 97 leaves. The cover is gone. It seems to have been begun in 1409, and continued to 1589. The greater part of the first 16 leaves is written at one time, 1409, in a book-hand, with rubric headings and elaborate rubricated initial letters. Of the rest of the book some of the Guild Ordinances are written in book-hand at a slightly later date. The bulk of the book is in a cursive hand at various dates, while even in the first 16 leaves are interspersed later insertions of different times. In the middle, Elizabethan Ordinances of the Merchants are inserted on a quite different parchment to the rest of the book. The Town Ordinances are presented below in a pretty complete form. From the Guild Ordinances those of the Butchers and Merchants have been given in full as specimens, while salient or specially interesting extracts have been made in the case of other Guilds. Until about 1450 the Ordinances are almost invariably in Latin; after 1460 usually in English. The former are here translated.

It should be noted that the Ordinances of the "Merchants or Mercers' Guild" are said to date from 1210: the Bakers' date from 1364, Butchers' and Goldsmiths' from 1365. Most of them indeed claim to be of "immemorial" antiquity, and probably are; but the Drapers only became a separate Guild in 1493. As the Grocers' Company in London only dates from 1345 this points to a very early organization of the Craft Guilds of Beverley.

There is not much notice of the religious Guilds, though all of those existing in Beverley in 1430 are specified in an Ordinance regulating the order of precedence at the Corpus Christi Procession on Corpus Christi day (Thursday after Trinity Sunday,) which was managed by the Corpus Christi Guild. They are, in the order given, the Guild of Corpus Christi, of Blessed Mary, of St. John of Beverley, and then, after 19 Craft Guilds, the Guilds of St. Ellen, of Pater Noster, of St. John the Baptist, of St. John in May, of St. Peter Azelon. The Ordinances of the Guild of St. Ellen and Blessed Mary are summarized in Toulmin Smith's *English Guilds*, Early English Text Society, 1870, p. 14, and *seq.*, where it appears that on St. Ellen's day and the Purification of the Virgin respectively the members of the Guild dressed up persons as St. Ellen and the Virgin, with other characters, and went in procession to church, that of St. Ellen to the Franciscans' Church, that of St. Mary to St. Mary's. The ordinances of the Corpus Christi Guild have been published by Mr. Leach, with the Foundation deed of a Corpus Christi chantry in the Minster dated 1352, in a paper in *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries*, 8th March, 1894. Some of the Charters

of the Great Guild of St. John of Beverley also appear in Toulmin Smith's volume. Though its Charters are those usually claimed as the Town Charters, and it is once in the documents called the "Gilda Mercatoria," it does not appear to be the same either as the Merchant Guild, Gilda Mercatoria, Confraternitas Mercatorum sive Merceriorum, or as the Town Corporation. For the Merchant or Mercers' Guild appears separately in the Procession, and is sometimes called the Trinity Guild, maintaining a Trinity Priest in the Charnel of St. Mary's: while the *Communitas* of the Town appears in the Account Rolls as paying a rent of £1 a year for the Guild Hall or Hanshouse to the Guild of St. John.

The Guild of St. John in May is probably the Guild which managed the procession in Rogation Week, when the shrine of St. John of Beverley was carried from the Minster to St. Mary's; and on another day to St. Nicholas Holme Church. The Craft Guilds first viewed the procession sitting in livery in wooden castles in the streets, and on its return rode after it on horseback. There are several entries as to the Pater Noster Guild and the play it was founded to perform, hitherto only known to have existed at York (where a Roll of the Pater Noster Guild was in the possession of the late Canon Raine, and is now in the Minster Muniment Room), and at Lincoln (Hist. MSS. Commission, 14th Report, App., part VII., p. 29).

8. The Governors' Minute Book. This is a quarto volume, 12¼in. by 9¼in., paper, bound in brown leather, numbered as having 168 leaves, but this is exclusive of the three first leaves, and many have been cut or torn out. In date it extends from 25th April, 1436, to 20th August, 1470. It is written in Latin. Copious extracts, mostly in the original Latin, appear below. This book seems to have been quite unknown to the historians of Beverley.

9. Minute Books of Governors, on paper, folio, bound in modern bindings, and lettered "Bev. Gov. 1558 to 1567," Vol. I. The same, 1568 to 1573, Vol. II.

These and the following books have not been minutely examined.

10. Corporation Minute Book. 7th January, 1597 to 21st May, 1660; paper, folio, with paper cover, marked "Liber C."

11. Corporation Minute Book. 6 Oct. 1659 to 25 Feb. 1707; paper, folio, with parchment cover, marked "Liber E." At the end are copies of some wills containing charitable bequests. It covers partly the same period as Lib. C., the first part having apparently been copied from Lib. C., which is badly torn at the end.

12. Corporation Minute Books. 1679 to 1687, 1687 to 1702, 1722 to 1726. Paper, folios in modern binding, lettered "Bev. Corp." From 1726 there are regular Minute Books to the present time.

13. Great Order Books. Parchment, in modern leather bindings. Elections of Mayor, Governors, officers, and the like, 30 Elizabeth (1587-8) to 1821. At the other end, Ordinances as to Corporation and "Occupations" or Craft Guilds, 1 Sept. 1602 to 1728.

14. Court Leet Pains, 1697. A large Roll on Parchment.

15. Miscellaneous deeds of various dates from Stephen to Edward VI. The last one is interesting as showing that those mysterious persons the 7 Berefellarii or Rectors or Personae of Beverley Minster had a corporate house as well as a corporate seal, and, like the Vicars Choral of most Cathedral Churches of Secular Canons, were a College of themselves.

The Beverley Town Records were originally examined with a view to seeing if they threw any light on the history of the Minster, or as it is formerly called the Collegiate Church of St. John of Beverley, the 13th century Chapter Act Book of which Mr. Leach was editing for the Surtees Society. Beyond the Fabric Roll above mentioned and a few very casual mentions in the 15th century of the Minster as a place of recognised Town resort, and of its Provost, Chancellor, Canons and Grammar School Masters, one of whom was several times one of the Twelve Governors of the town, what was sought for was not found.

Warm thanks are given to the Town Clerk, Mr. J. Willis Mills, and his predecessor and father Mr. James Mills, for their great courtesy and kindness; and to the Ex-Mayor, Mr. Tom Turner, and the Mayor, Mr. Farrah, and the Corporation of Beverley for permitting the documents to be removed and studied at leisure.

It is to be hoped that the Corporation of Beverley, being in possession of such a magnificent and almost unrivalled series of town records, will take measures for their absolute security.

Town Chartulary.

f. 1. Part of a summary of accounts up to 23rd October, year not stated [13 Hen. VI.], in the same order as in the Rolls of Account.

Memorandum, that 9 pipes full of corn, belonging to Nicholas Brompton of Beverley, merchant, ordered and sent by him for Bordeaux without licence or order of the King, were seized by the Archbishop's officer and other officers at Beverley, 9th Sept., 13 Henry VI., and are detained until a remedy is provided by the advice of the King's Council and the Archbishop and community of Beverley, for the delivery and disposition of the said pipes in form of law. And this by motion of John Ellircarr.

Measure of Westwode, Beverley.

Westwood, Beverley, with its ditches, contains in length on the west side from S. to N.	16	score	and	1	perches.
Length on the east side	13	,,	,,	13	,,
In breadth on the S. side from E. to W.	8	,,	,,	14	,,
In breadth on the N. side from W. to E.	9	,,	,,	13	,,
Besides one parcel of the same lying between the Croft, etc. (*sic*) and the Archbishop's croft to the N. and S. and the quarry and the croft outside North Bar, and containing in length from E. to W.	4	,,	,,		,,
(*MS. torn*) breadth from S. to. W.				33	,,

Which make 16a. (*MS. torn*). Whole length of Westwode 16 (score) and 1 perches, and 13 score and 13 perches, as above, by equal division, contains clear 14 score and 42 perches. Whole breadth (*MS. torn*) by equal division contains clear (*MS. torn*) and croft called Saint Gillycroft (*MS. torn.*)

f. 1*b*. Patent to array and try men-at-arms, armed men and archers (homines ad arma armatos homines et sagittarios), as follows:—

10 July, 12 Henry VI. Commission to Richard Earl of Salisbury, Henry, Earl of Northumberland, Robert Ughtred, William Richer, William Normanville, knights; John, the constable of Holsham, Robert, the constable of Fleynburgh, Thomas Metcham, John Portyngton, John Meleton, John Rudstane and John Bedford, and the Sheriff of York; to array and try all those dwelling within the East Riding able to bear arms, and to cause those able, to provide armour, bows and arrows for those who cannot provide them themselves, to array them in thousands, hundreds, and twenties, and place them where thought fit on the coast, and otherwise to oppose the enemies [*unnamed*] who threaten invasion. To have musters and see that every one carries his own arms except those armed at others' expense. To cause beacons ("signa vocata Becoyns") to be placed on the usual places, to give warning of the enemy's approach.

f. 2. 17 May, 12 Richard II. Charter that the Sheriff should not enter the liberties, whether the See is full or vacant.

Richard II. to Sheriff of York. By ancient Royal Charters the Archbishop's bailiff has return of writs and execution of them, whether the See is full or not, but you have entered the liberty without special mandate from us, to the no small expense of the community; on whose petition, the temporalities being in our hands by reason of the judgment against Alexander late Archbishop, we order you not to enter the liberty, unless on default made by the bailiff of the Archbishopric.

Copy of clause of the Charter of Henry IV., that no burgess of Beverley be compelled to be a collector of tenths, &c., outside the liberty of Beverley. 8 Feb., 2 Henry IV. (Printed in Poulson I., 175, as being Henry V.)

Plea of discharge of burgesses of Beverley from collecting taxes outside the borough and precinct of the same town.

From the memoranda of the Exchequer (King's Remembrancer) Roll 9, 12 Henry VI. Discharge ("exoneratio") of Thomas Nuttyll, of Riston in Holdernesse, and William Cottryll, of Mollescroft, from serving as Commissioners for raising a fifteenth and tenth, in virtue of Henry V.'s Charter, as being burgesses of Beverley.

f. 3*b* to *f.* 7. Customs and liberties of the town of Beverley from time immemorial, etc., used and approved by the burgesses of the same town.

These are printed below, from another edition in the Great Guild Book.

f. 7. Plea between the Governors of the town of Beverley and John Howell. The defendant is sued in debt, for 40s., he having, in accordance with the ordinances, incurred a penalty of that amount to the community, and £10 to the King, for malicious words against the Governors. On Friday, 28 Oct., 13 Henry VI., he said to Master John Marschall and others that they held before themselves pleas which concerned the spiritual and temporal courts of the Archbishop. After two adjournments at the defendant's request, the case did not apparently come to hearing.

f. 7. 1451. Recognizance of William Dalton. 19 May, 29 Henry VI., before Thomas Wylton, John Sprotlay and Thomas Wyche, three of the twelve Governors, William Dalton showed two indentures made by him, being a recognizance to Thomas Mayne, Roger Cokirham, William Kirkby, and others, seven of the twelve Governors; which were, at the request of Edmund Portington, esq., and other burgesses, ordered to be registered in the Guild Hall Register.

f. 7*b*. Action for penalty. The Governors *versus* John Whitlay for 40s. penalty for having abused the Governors in the Guild Hall, 1 June, 14 Henry VI., in respect of an ordinance passed on S. Mark's Day that year by the whole community, affecting the tailors' craft (result not stated).

Ibid. Judgment concerning William Lorymer, mercer, 7 June, 1442. William Lorymer, being one of the twelve Governors, was told by the rest that he could not properly sit with them until a charge of felony against his son, Thomas Lorymer, made by John Webster, robber, then lying in the Archbishop's gaol in Beverley, had been determined. He consented.

26 March, 1443, William Lorymer came to the Guild Hall before Thomas Mayn, Edmund Portyngton, John Bewme, etc., eight of the twelve Governors, and wanted to sit with them. After a week's adjournment to consult the "magnates" of the town, on Sunday, 31 March, the undermentioned (but names not given), "venerabiles" of the town met in the Chapter House of the Collegiate Church, and determined that he ought not to sit until the case was decided. And on the Tuesday following Lorymer was so informed by the twelve Governors sitting in the Guild Hall.

f. 8. 19 July, 1440. [Power of] Attorney for the Chantry of John of Kelk.

William Barkeby, tanner, was granted a letter of attorney for the lands of the Chantry for four years; on condition of paying the two chaplains 6 marks each, and bearing the other charges of the Chantry; receiving 26*s.* 8*d.* a year for his pains.

Grant of the herbage of Lelicroft to John Portington, his heirs and assigns for ever. S. Mark's Day, 1445. Sale by the community, with assent of the twelve Governors, of common of the herbage of the croft; price not stated.

Of the discharge of toll in the city of York, 1373. Thomas of Beverley, the Archbishop's steward of Beverley, Thomas Humbercolt, and Adam "Tondu" made suit for delivery of distraint taken at York. Roger of Moreton, then Mayor of York, in the presence of Master John of Walton, official of the Archbishop, and Henry of Barton, steward, acknowledged that burgesses of Beverley were quit of toll, and ordered the distresses to be given up.

Six of the twelve Governors of the town sworn as affeerers of the Brewster's Guild. 22 April, 26 Henry VI., before Master John Barnyngham, Treasurer of York cathedral church, and Henry Thwaytes, as commissioners of the Archbishop, Thomas Mayn and five others were sworn as affeerers of the Brewers and Tipplers ("Tipelariorum") on the Archbishop's fee, for Easter term, 25 Henry VI. and Michaelmas, and Easter term, 26 Henry VI.

The fines for Easter, 25 Henry VI., amounted to 33*s.* 0*d.*

The fines for Michaelmas, 25 Henry VI., amounted to 34*s.* 10*d.*

The fines for Easter, 26 Henry VI., amounted to 36*s.* 1*d.*

f. 8*b.* Letter of credence in English. "To the most Reverent Fadir in God oure most graciouse lorde the Cardinal and Archiebisschop of York," 13 July, 1447, sending Thomas Mayn and William Lorymer to the Archbishop to discuss certain matters (as under) affecting the town.

"A Instruccion." 8 July, 25 Henry VI. Instructions by Thomas Wilton and his fellows, the twelve Governors, to Thomas Mayn and William Lorymer, these being two of them:—1. To beseech the Archbishop to be "tendir lord" and suffer us to enjoy our liberties. 2. To inform him that "we was and is" ready to deliver the estreats of Brewster guilds, and to do our part to affeer them; and that his steward has refused, and commanded the bailiff and his servants to distrain the constables of the fee to bring in afore him the estreats, and they have taken distress of divers of them. And "slike distress was never seen within the said town by us men that bears life this day nor a great deal longer." 3. They do not wish to encroach, but only to have the same liberties as their ancestors. They ask him to write to his steward to stay proceedings till he comes down "into this cuntree."

f. 8*b*-9. Covenants for making of the "Bek" by John Gargrave.

6 April 1454, 32 Henry VI. Indenture between William Spenser, John Coppandale, William Sleforth and six others (probably for the 12 Governors) and John Gargrave, walker. [A walker is a fuller.] He "sal gar make" and finish a pair of "clowys" sufficient at the High Bridge of Beverley Beck to "resayt" of the water flowing into the same, unto the Parson Bridge; and for avoiding of the same water betwixt the said bridges, for scouring the same beck. He is also to scour the beck from Parson Bridge to Saint John House, ¾ of a yard deeper than at the date of the deed, and to cleanse and cut the banks from Saint John House to the end of the beck. The work to be done by 24th June. Payment, 40 marks. Gargrave to have power to stop Walkerbeck for the weal of the beck. He provides four sureties, two shoemakers and two tilers, in £5 each, for due performance of the work.

f. 9*b.*, 10, and 11, blank.

f. 11*b.* "Divers petitions not confirmed by the King in all things." This document is undated, but seems to be the petition on which the Charter of Henry VI. was granted.

"Memorandum that from the time when the Lord Edelstan, of famous memory, once King of England by the general words following, 'als fre make I the, as hert may thinke or eyhe may se'" granted the liberty to God and the Church of Beverley and the men of Beverley, the men of Beverley were free and quit of toll and tea (*sic*) and all the like customs through the whole of the King's power; and from the time of Henry I. had their Merchant Guild and Hanshouse and free Burgage as freely among them as those of York. But yet they want those liberties and quittances to be more particularly confirmed; viz.:—That they are free and quit in cities and boroughs and markets and fairs, in passage of bridges and ports of the sea, and in all places through all England, Ireland and Wales and other our lands and waters, from every tallage, passage,

pedage ("pedagio"), lastage, stallage, wreck, and lagan, ewage, from imposts ("vectigalibus") and dues ("tributis"), of murage, pontage, pavage, pitage, and that the said burgesses be quit, as of warnage, terrage, carriage, sayage, keyage ("cayagio") and all other levies ("praestacionibus") through the whole kingdom of England and elsewhere within the royal power; and a certain custom which is called "metlagh," and from all earthly service and secular exaction; which should be looked into ("quae inspiciantur") according to the counsel of men learned in the law.

Moreover, whereas in charters of the ancestors of the present King, Kings of England, it was granted to the men and burgesses of Beverley that they should have all the liberties and free customs which Thurstin and William, once Archbishops of York, gave them, and all which Kings of England, etc. (*sic*) gave and granted them, and by charters confirmed; Now, though the burgesses of Beverley and their ancestors and predecessors used some of the liberties, customs, and quittances as aforesaid, by virtue of the said general words, and have been accustomed to use and enjoy them freely, the said burgesses of Beverley are hindered from the use of them, as they were wont, in divers places, viz., Lincoln, Huntingdon, Warwick, and elsewhere, as well by the King's officers as by others; wherefore let special remedy be provided if it may be.

And, if it may be, that the said burgesses may have a community between them, and that they may be able to create twelve Governors of the community of the more worthy, etc., among them yearly, on the feast of S. Mark the Evangelist, as they were accustomed. And that all persons dwelling or who shall dwell within the same town of Beverley, wishing to use the aforesaid liberties, be in scot and lot with the burgesses aforesaid in tallages, contributions, and other burdens touching the said community. And that they have their Merchant Guild and Hanshouse as they have been accustomed. And that the Steward of the Household, the Clerk of the Market, or other officers of the King or his heirs, may not enter the said town to do anything there which pertains to his office. And that the twelve Governors so elected and to be elected by the authority of the King may have power to punish disturbers of the peace and beginners of quarrels and dissensions in the town aforesaid by arrest and imprisonment, etc., and to do other things which pertain to the Justices as Keepers of the Peace.

Liberties contained in charters of the abbey and convent of S. Mary's, York. This charter of Henry V. or VI. is appended, apparently, as a precedent for what the burgesses of Beverley wanted. It recites that "whereas among other liberties and quittances granted to the abbot and convent it was granted, &c. Be it granted to them that they, their tenants and servants for ever, be quit in city and borough, fairs and markets, passage of bridges and sea ports, and all places throughout England and Wales and Ireland, of every toll tallage,

passage, footage, stallage, wardage, pavage, and of all cartage and summage; and that their cars, carts and horses, or other means of carriage be no way seized, etc."

f. 12. Copy of commission of subsidy, to inquire of knights' fees, 12 April, 9 Henry VI., by Humfrey, Duke of Gloucester, Keeper of England. To Henry Brownflet, Robert Babthorp, Kts., and John Ellercarr and John Constable, Guy Roucliff, Robert Rudstan and the Sheriff of York. Recites grant (in French) by Parliament, of a subsidy of 20*s.* for every knight's fee and proportionate charges on ecclesiastical property.

f. 13*b.* Commission for East Riding for two subsidies taken as well from knights' fees as of all inhabitants and householders. 6 April, 6 Henry VI. Recites the grant by Parliament of 6*s.* 8*d.* from the movables of all the inhabitant householders ("domicilia tenentes") of every parish whose church was valued below ten marks a year, if there are more than ten inhabitants, cities and boroughs only accepted; and 13*s.* 4*d.* from the inhabitants of those parishes whose churches were valued above 10 marks; and so proportionally ascending according to the value of the churches; and, in cities and boroughs, of 2*s.* from every parish whose church was of the value of 20*s.*, and so ascending; and 6*s.* 8*d.* from every person seized of a knight's fee in demesne, and proportionally down to the 4th of a fee.

f. 14. Discharge of the town of Beverley, except the church and parishioners of Holmkirke, Beverley, from the subsidy. Inquisition taken for the King before Robert Rudstan and William Soulby, bailiffs of the liberty of John, Archbishop of York, 3 July, 6 Henry VI., by virtue of a mandate from the Commissioners of the subsidies for the East Riding, and the oaths of a jury of twelve Beverley townsfolk. The jury find that in the town and borough of Beverley the church of S. Nicholas, "commonly called Holmkirk," anciently taxed at 10 marks, is worth 10 marks a year, and there are more than 10 inhabitants in it; but, after an exhaustive statement of the peculiar constitution of the Minster, the collegiate church of St. John and its various parochial prebends, including S. Mary's chapel (now S. Mary's church), attached to the altar of S. Martin's prebend in the chapel over the charnel in S. John's churchyard, they find that there is no other parish church in Beverley. The inhabitants of the town, therefore, except the parishioners of S. Nicholas Holme, escaped the subsidy.

f. 15*b.* Charter of Thurstin, once Archbishop of York, to the burgesses of Beverley.

Charter of William, once Archbishop of York, to the said burgesses. A translation of this is printed in Poulson i, 55, with one blunder, by substituting "inconveniences" for "conveniences."

f. 16. Bull of confirmation by Pope Lucius of the gift of Thurstan and William.

This is a confirmation by Pope Lucius III., probably in 1183, of the "libertates ac vestras liberas consuetudines quas bonae memoriae Thurstinus et Willelmus quondam Eboracensis ecclesiae Archiepiscopi rite et canonice vobis indulsisse noscuntur, sicut in autenticis eorum scriptis exinde factis continentur et a karissimo in Christo filio nostro Henrico (II.) illustri Anglorum Rege corroborata sunt." Dated, Sign. 12 Kal. Sept.

Bull of Pope Celestine, dated at Rome, 5 July, *an.* 4, 1195, confirming Lucius' confirmation.

These two bulls are crossed out, no doubt in accordance with Henry VIII.'s proclamation.

f. 16. THE MAGNA CHARTA OF THE COMMUNITY.

To all, &c., Richard of Louthe, John Tirwhit, son of Adam Tirwhit, Adam Coppandale, son of William Coppandale, senior, Peter Lumbard, William of Lothyngton, Peter of Staynton, John Spicer, Thomas Gervais, Alexander Cras, Robert of Bedford Thomas of Scroeton, John of Wragby, elect by the common consent of the community of the town of Beverley, to keep the said town and the customs and statutes of the same town for this present year, viz., from S. Mark's Day, A.D. 1359, &c., Greeting. Know ye that we, in our Guild Hall of Beverley, anciently called the Hanshouse, in the presence of the whole community of the same, have inspected and recited certain statutes and customs used and approved time out of mind, to the effect following, viz.:—

That every year on S. Mark the Evangelist's Day the Twelve elected to keep the town for the past year shall nominate 18 of the more worthy ("probioribus") and sufficient of the said community in the Guild Hall aforesaid, the whole community then being there summoned for this purpose, those excepted who have been keepers of the said town for the three years before the said nomination; of which 18 the community shall choose Twelve to keep the town aforesaid for the year coming. Which Twelve elected and sworn, or seven of them if all cannot be present, shall have ("habeant") full power to levy farms ("firmas") rents and ancient dues ("assessas") in the same town, to keep and maintain the ancient customs and statutes, and to chastise and punish rebels and contraveners at their discretion, and, when necessary, with the consent of the community aforesaid, to ordain and constitute new ordinances and statutes.

And to levy by the boxes hitherto used such payments and assessments ("praestationes et assessas") as were anciently used in the town aforesaid, viz.:—

	s.	*d.*
Of every whole cloth	0	1
,, half a cloth.....	0	0½
,, a quarter of a cloth	0	0¼

Of every sack of wool	0	2
,, half a sack	0	1
,, a quarter of a sack	0	0½
,, two stone of wool	0	0¼
,, every pound (assisa) of dye (wayd)	0	0½
,, every hundred of alom	0	0½
,, half a hundred	0	0¼
,, every hundred of brasell	0	2
,, half a hundred	0	1
,, quarter of a hundred	0	0½
Of every cask of wine	0	2
,, ,, pipe	0	1
,, ,, hundred weight	0	0½
,, ,, half	0	0¼
Of cheap cloth and other merceries aforesaid	0	0½
,, every ten [dacra] hides of bulls and cows	0	0½
,, half a ten	0	0¼
,, hides of horses	0	0¼
,, hides of goats	0	0¼
,, every quarter of corn, either of wheat or other corn baked (furnato), for sale	0	0¼
,, ,, quarter brewed for sale	0	0¼
,, ,, brew less than a quarter	0	0¼
,, ,, quarter of malt for sale	0	1
,, ,, window of cobblers (sutorum), smiths, tailors, skinners, parchment makers and the like each week	0	0¼
,, ,, master carpenter, a year	0	3
,, ,, waggon and car (carra) for hire, a year	0	12
,, ,, ship, keel, and freight ship (fraght schip), a year	0	12
,, ,, great ketch (cach) carrying casks of ashes (cinerum), corn, and the like, a year	0	6
,, ,, mill a week	0	0¼
,, ,, bakery (pistrina), a week	0	0¼
,, ,, weaver for 4 cloths or coverlitts *(sic)* woven	0	0¼
,, ,, master fuller for 2 cloths fulled	0	0¼
,, ,, vat for dying other people's wool, a week	0	0½
,, ,, lead of a working dyer, the week	0	0¼
,, ,, table of a working barber, the week	0	0¼
,, ,, burgess living in Beverley, for every 20s. rent, a year	0	1
,, ,, 10s. rent	0	0½
,, ,, 5s. rent	0	0¼
,, a tray (traya) of salt	0	0¼
,, every tiler's furnace fired	0	0½
Every kiln fired "in le stanpitts," to sell beyond 6 quarters burnt	0	0½

For 6 quarters of chalk and less	0	0¼
Of small vessels and boats and little ketches, to be taken at the discretion of the keepers and collectors in accordance with the seasons or season of the year at which they come to sell and collect the arrears of the aforesaid dues.		

We will also and grant that wherever cloths of wool or other the goods aforesaid, within the town of Beverley or without, be bought by any fellow burgess or one of our merchants, the assessment above mentioned be levied on them.

These Statutes and Ordinances of the aforesaid Twelve elected, for us and our heirs, we grant, approve, and ratify to endure for ever; so that if any member of our community, present or future, shall ordain or attempt anything against the said Statutes, he shall give the community aforesaid £10 to be levied by distress by the Twelve for the time being; and also lose the liberty of a burgess in the town aforesaid.

Any one elected by the nomination aforesaid as a keeper refusing to serve, to pay 40*s.*, to be levied, etc.

Any of the twelve not coming to the Common Hall when summoned by the common sergeant, unless he have some reasonable cause, to pay 12*d.*

Any other burgess summoned, and not coming, to pay every time 6*d.*, to be levied in form aforesaid.

If the twelve think it expedient that rates ("misæ") should be imposed in the said town, they must cause all the burgesses to be summoned to the Common Hall for a certain day, that they may be imposed with the assent of the whole community, if all come, and that by poundage ("per libratam"), and if they do not come, or come and refuse to consent, then the twelve may impose the rate by poundage, and levy it, as they may think most expedient on oath.

Also the twelve, or seven of them, shall have special power of taking all and singular profits accruing to the community, of receiving rents, of leasing the wastes, lands, houses, meadows, pastures, and all other things concerning the community, and valuing through the whole time aforesaid all things coming to the community, of giving and paying gratuities, expenses, and salaries as often as they shall think fit on behalf of the community; and of bearing, allowing, and giving discharges for all things and expenses and the like touching the community before the time of making these presents, &c.

And whatever the said twelve, or seven of them, now elected shall have said on oath that they have spent, on behalf of the community shall be allowed without demur by the twelve to be elected for the next year.

Moreover, if the twelve, or any of them, or their clerk or sergeant shall be sued for their office or other act of the community, their expenses shall be repaid by the community in full.

And if it happen that in a distress by the twelve, or seven of them, or the sergeant of the said community, any of the community, whether one of the twelve or of the other burgesses, be found disobedient or offer resistance, let him at once, without pardon, pay 6*s*. 8*d*. to the community. And likewise, it shall be lawful for the twelve, or seven of them, to distrain, drive away, carry off, and detain *de die in diem* all the goods and chattels, wherever found, of him so found rebellious, until he shall have made full satisfaction for all arrears, demands, and profits belonging to the community, and of the offences aforesaid. And if any of the community aforesaid cannot be justified in any such matters, the twelve, or seven of them, shall summon all the burgesses of the town for a certain day to the Common Hall for the assistance of the said twelve (or seven of them) against him so found to rebel and proved opponent; and moreover to find a remedy and make such orders against all such rebels and opponents as may be necessary in the interests of the community.

Also, it is ordained and decreed by the community of the town aforesaid, that none of the community aforesaid place, or cause to be placed, any filth or dung in the high streets or in other public ways, where carts are driven or may be driven; and anyone disobeying this ordinance (unless the filth be carried away at least once a week) shall immediately pay to the community 40*d*.; and let this be yearly taken by the twelve keepers for the time being.

In testimony whereof we, the said community, have affixed our common seal to these presents, and for greater security thereof have procured the seal of the Venerable Canons of the Chapter of the Blessed John of Beverley to be affixed.

f. 17. Charter of Edward III. confirming the charters of all his ancestors.

This is mentioned by Poulson I. 97, and assigned to the impossible date 1322. It was 14 Dec. 6 Edward III., *i.e.* 1332. It is an inspeximus of the charter of 16 Edward II., itself an inspeximus of (i.) that of 28 April, 1 John; and (ii.) that of 11 April, 35 Edward I., itself an inspeximus of 13 February, 21 Henry III., confirming the charters of John, Henry II., Henry I., and Archbishops Thurstin and William, and of the charter of 2 July, 56 Henry III. This charter of Edward III. confirms all the liberties although they had not been used, and grants freedom from murage and pavage throughout his whole kingdom and dominion ("potestatem"). See Poulson I. 87.

f. 18. 1382. Charter of the election of the twelve keepers of the town of Beverley.

This is an extremely interesting charter which seems to have entirely escaped the notice of the historians of Beverley; and is, beside the Account Roll for 1386, the only record of a long municipal constitutional struggle.

18 March, 5 Richard II. "Richard, D.G., etc. To all and singular the good men and burgesses of the Town of Beverley. From the uncertainty of good government, many insolences are committed among the inhabitants and commons of cities and towns, evils arise and scandals, and divers kinds of dangers are excited, and peaceful conduct is badly hindered, and such insolences, evils, and dangers have more than usually happened in the town of Beverley, chiefly by default of good government, as is sufficiently notorious.

For that town was accustomed by ancient and approved custom, there used without disturbance for 50 years, to be ruled and peacefully governed by twelve good ("probos") men of the town, elected for the purpose on the feast of S. Mark the Evangelist by the common assent of the burgesses of the said town. But that custom among you being suddenly set at nought, in place of the said twelve good men ye have newly appointed an alderman and two chamberlains for the rule and government of the town in the present year, and made this order, which has not been seen in the town aforesaid within the last 50 years or before, except twice or seldomer, and for the better rule of the said town was then annulled by the common consent of the burgesses of the said town; and ye intend to hold and keep to it, notwithstanding that the government of the said twelve men was much preferable for the good rule of the said town.

And (whereas) this ordinance, if continued, will turn as we are informed, to the great desolation of the town and displacing ("dispositionem") of the burgesses of the same, we, greatly desiring the relief of the town aforesaid and quiet and peaceful living there, on account of the special devotion to the glorious confessor of Christ, the blessed John, whose body has been translated into the Minster [*one of the few occasions on which the word* "monasterium" *is used in formal documents*] of the said town, and wishing, moreover, graciously to provide for the future rule of the said town and for amending the defects of such rule there, enjoin and command you and every of you as strictly as we can, and on the faith and allegiance by which ye are bound to us, that by unanimous assent ye come together on the feast of S. Mark next at your Guild Hall aforesaid, as is customary, and having heard read all the premisses in your presence, and having understood them, and weighed them with mature deliberation, ceasing all matter of strife and quarrel, there determine and duly order such rule, order and government in the said town whereby the town and the people there may be best and most quietly ruled and governed, and our peace there kept, and friendship most nourished amongst you for the present year, and so from year to year; for this end diligently and amicably taking your turns ("adhibentes invicem vices

vestras") as has been best and most orderly accustomed in the said town before this time, and has been for the best to make peace and quietness amongst you; until, putting down rebels and opposers, or rather those who begin, promote, and are active in strife and quarrels, and their abettors, if any such there be, in this behalf by the ways and means which are suitable, ye restrain them from their malice. And this, as ye love us and our honour, and wish to avoid our heavy displeasure and perpetual forfeiture of all your liberties, by no means omit. Witness ourself at Westminster, 18 March, the fifth year of our reign."

It is to be noted that the King does not definitely command a return to the election of twelve keepers instead of an alderman and chamberlains, and, in point of fact, it appears from the Roll of accounts for 1386 that both in that year and the year before the town was governed by the latter, and not by the twelve keepers.

f. 18. Charter of Dynges and Outings ("outenges").

This is a copy of the confirmation by Robert, the Dean, and Chapter of York in 1284 of Archbishop William (Wickwane's) grant of the messuage with buildings over it called the Bishopdyngs in the market place of Beverley and a meadow with a piece of arable land in it called Outings between Newdyke (wrongly called by Poulson Nendyke) and the common pasture of Fegang.

A translation of the whole is printed by Poulson I. 77 and 81.

This grant has generally been spoken of as if it was a great gift by the Archbishop, but the transaction was purely commercial. Substantial rents of half a mark each were reserved for the Dyngs and Outings respectively; and the burgesses gave up their rights of pasture in the Archbishop's Park and the meadow of Stonecarr (Staynker). Moreover, it is questionable how far any of it was an original grant, as it confirms an agreement made by Sewall de Bovill, Archbishop A.D. 1256-8.

f. 18 *b.* Discharge of the town of Beverley of the way [*i.e.* repair of the way] between Beverley and Hulbryg; 1407.

Friday after Whit-Sunday, 8 Henry IV. Pleas at Driffield before Peter de Button, Kt., John de Redenesse, Richard Tirwhitt and other the King's Justices for sewers, bridges and causeways ("calcetis") in Estrythyng. The Burgesses are indicted for non-repair of the King's highway from Hulbridge to Beverley, so that in winter men could not go to the market of Beverley without danger of death, though they have always to pay pavage to the town. A jury of 24 knights and other freemen was summoned to view, and found that the Burgesses were not liable to repair the road.

f. 19. Discharge of the town of Beverley, and Chapter of St John of the same town, for Queengate; 1411.

Extract from Pleas *coram Rege*, Roll 40, Hilary Term 13 Henry IV. The Town and the Chapter were presented at the Sheriff's tourn at Middleton for not repairing the King's street called Quenegate, from Milecrosse to Beverley. Eventually the jury found that neither the Town nor the Chapter were liable to repair the road.

Charter of Westwode.

f. 19 *b.* Grant of the soil of Westwode to the Burgesses by Archbishop Alexander Neville, 2 April, 1380, 3 Richard II.

The rights of pasturage had been granted, or confirmed, by Archbishop Wickwane's grant 100 years before. The town now acquired the fee simple. It is to be noted that the grant was for fully valuable consideration, a rent of £5 a year.

A full translation is given in Poulson I. 139.

f. 20. 1380. Of the annual payment of 20 marks to the Lady of Cotyngham.

Indenture between the Lady Joan, Princess of Wales, Duchess of Cornwall, Countess of Chester and Kent and Lady of Walle, cousin and heir of Lady Joan de Stoteville, once Lady of Cotyngham, of the one part, and Richard of Walkington, John of Kelk, John Gervays, and nine others named, Keepers of the town of Beverley, and the whole community of the same town, on the other part, Witnesses that whereas Walter Giffard, once Archbishop of York, by the consent of his chapter granted to the said Lady de Stoteville her heirs and assigns, by agreement between them made A.D. 1269, 6 marks of silver of annual rent to be received in the town of Waghen of the Abbot and Convent of Meaux, from 100*s.* which the said Abbot and Convent used to pay to Walter the Archbishop for the removal of all weirs, hedges, piles, chains and other hindrances whatsoever in the Hull water: which 6 marks the Burgesses and Keepers of the Town of Beverley have been used to pay in exoneration of the said Walter and his successors to the said Lady Jane de Stoteville and her heirs for the removal of the said weirs, &c.; And whereas the said (parties of the second part) have newly by deed granted to the Lady Joan, Princess, and her heirs six marks to be taken from a house in Beverley called the Dynges, with clause of distress; she has now released all right in the said six marks granted to Joan Stoteville, her ancestor, and in all other rents granted to her ancestors before the making of these presents. Dated at Missenden, 20 April, 3 Richard II.

The explanation of the deed appears to be that there had been disputes as to the rent-charge, and now in consideration of a specific charge on the Dyngs Joan, the Fair Maid of Kent, released the Town from all claims for the past.

f. 20 *b.* Of the leasing of a lane in Mynstirmoregate, 1 Aug., 1318. Agreement between the Community of the Burgesses of the Town of Beverley, of the one part, and Sir Richard of Birkyn, chaplain, of the other part; lease for 60 years of a lane nine feet wide from Minstermoregate to St. Giles' cemetery for a silver sixpence a year.

Charter of gift to the Town of a certain road or lane in Flemyngate. Symon Sewyn, son of Richard Sewyn, grants to the Township ("villata") of Beverley for the soul of his father and mother, in pure alms, a way six ft. wide on the west of his land on the stream of water from his gate which he has to the North, to his lane which goes to Fleming-gate ("vicum Flandrensium") and free passage by the same lane to Fleming-gate. Witnesses not given, and date said not to be given in the original document from which this copy was made.

Lease of two lanes in Flemyngate. Easter, A.D. 1318. Agreement between the community of the Burgesses of the town of Beverley and Master Thomas Harpham, then Dean of Beverley. Lease for 60 years of all the common of the said community in two lanes in Flemyng-gate on either side of Master Thomas' house: one 8 ft. broad from Fleming-gate to the common water course; the other 2½ ft. broad leading from Fleming-gate to a street in front of the Friars Preachers; for 18*d.* a year. Thomas binds his house so that the covenant should run with the land.

f. 21. Memorandum that the Lord Archbishop alleged himself injured by divers trespasses done to him by the Community of the Town, by a certain Bill, as follows, delivered to the Twelve Keepers, Thomas Mayn and his fellows, 13 Sept. 13 Henry VI., 1434. In English. The complaints are:—

i. William Ledys holdeth to him and his heirs of the Twelve Governors a lane which is a common way and waste of the Lord, for a certain sum of money paid beforehand: which lane endureth from Fischmarket Moregate through a close of the said Ledys into Ryngold-lane-ende toward Mynstermoregate.

ii. Watkyn Clerk holds to farm for term &c. (*sic*) a lane of the Lord's waste as it lieth on the east side of the tenement of the same Watkyn from Flemyngate to Hellegarth, which is closed up at both ends.

iii. Thomas Mayn holdeth [&c.] a lane etc., from Fleminggate to Hellegarth by the tenement of St. John of Jerusalem.

iv. William Souleby [&c.], two lanes from the same to the same on both sides of his place.

v. Roger Rolleston [&c.], a lane from Lort Lane to the New Mill, closed within his garden, "the length of a butscote" [buttshoot] and more, by the stopping of which the Lord pays for farm of a way to the said Mills, 2*s.* yearly to the Prior of Watton, and the same Roger holdeth and stoppeth other two lanes of the said waste enduring from Flemyngate.

vi. There be without Keldgate Bar divers tofts containing 12 acres of ground and more, which were late "biggid" (built on) and then called Cokwald Strete, which ought to be kept several in all times of the year, and now late the said Governors and other commoners of the town use to common in the said ground in open time of the year.

vii. And in the Chapel Lane (S. Mary's) be also divers tofts containing 6 acres and more from Keldgate Bar to S. Thomas' Chapel which were late bigged [&c.]

viii. Also there be divers lanes within the said franchises of Beverley upon the said Lord's waste which be stopped and closed by the said Governors, to the great harm, hurt and hindering of the right belonging unto the Lord of the said franchise.

ix. Also the said Governors have confederated ["confederid"] and constituted among them, in derogation of the Lord's Court, that what man that is enfranchised and sueth in the Lord's Court for debt, trespass or other causes, before the time that he hath made complaint to the said Governors, and have their leave, he shall pay a noble to the said Governors or else lose his burgessship.

f. 21 *b.* And this Bill (following) was delivered to Thomas Mayne, Thomas Wayte, littester (dyer), and William Lorymer, mercer, 3 Nov., 13 Henry VI., with which they rode to London to the Archbishop for an adjournment.

The "Bill," in English, is a letter "right meekly beseeching" the Archbishop that though they had promised their answer by Martinmas, yet as they only had Thomas Wilton for counsel, who had not sufficient leisure to examine the evidence, nor was able to come unto London by reason of divers infirmities, he would adjourn the matter till his coming to Yorkshire.

A Latin note says that the matter was respited accordingly.

The issue does not appear.

f. 21 *b.* 1433. Commission for lessening the tax granted by Parliament 12 Henry VI.

27 Sept., 12 Henry VI. Henry, &c., to William Fitzhugh and to Edmund Darrell and Robert Hopton, knights of the shire of York in Parliament. Recital of grant of a 15th and 10th, less £4000; which last sum was to be granted in relief of poor towns, cities and boroughs desolate, waste or destroyed, too much impoverished, or otherwise too much oppressed by the tax, at the discretion of one Lord and the two Knights of the shire.

Writ for the same. To the two Knights of the shire, dated 20 January the same year.

f. 22 *b.* 1435. 13 Henry VI. Letter under Privy Seal of the King sent to the Community for a loan of 200 marks. English.

"Trusty and well beloved, Inasmuch as we, now late instantly required as well by solemn ambassiates as by letters of our Holy Father the Pope, the General Council, our Brother the Emperor,

our Uncle of Burgundy ("Burgoigne"), and many other, to entend unto the means of peace to be treated betwixt us and our adversary in our realm of France, condescended to send our solemn ambassiate of the Lords of our blood and other in great number to meet with the ambassadors of our said adversary at Arras, 1st April next coming, for which cause of necessity we must send also at the said time into our said realm of France a great army to hold the field, the which thing ye at your discretions can well consider may in no wise be done, namely so soon, without great aid of chevance of our true friends and subjects: To the which aid at this time we have found our fair ("beal") Uncle the Cardinal and the remainder ("remenant") of our Council and other about our person, as well spiritual and temporal, as well willed as our heart can desire, notwithstanding that many of them at our prayer shall go unto the same convention in their persons: We desire and pray you that, considering the great good which we trust to our Lord shall ensue of these things before rehearsed, ye would at this time loan ("lene") unto us the sum of 200 marks, for the which our Treasurer of England shall make unto you by authority of Parliament such surety for your repayment as he maketh unto our said fair Uncle and the remainder of our Council, and others, that loan like ("semblable") sums and greater unto us in this necessity: the which sum we pray you to be delivered unto our said Treasurer at London at the Octave ("oytanes") of Trinity next coming at the farthest, as ye desire the worship and weal of Us and the conservation of both our realms. Given under our Privy Seal at Westminster the 28 day of May."

"Unto Our Right Honorable and Worshipful Sir and Master the Provost of Beverley.

Right Honorable and Worshipful Sir and Master We commend us to ("til") you. Like you to wit our liege Lord the King has directed to us a Privy Seal of 200 Marks delivered to us on Corpus Christi even last past, of the which ("whilk") the bearer of this has a copy to show you if it like you.

Whereupon and it like your mastership to understand that we in best wise assembled in our Guild Hall the most honorable persons and other commoners of the town of Beverley, rehearsing to them the Privy Seal beforesaid. Upon which they went ("yede") together and gave answer that for divers causes notable they might provide ("chevys") no good unto our said King at this time. One ("O") cause was that of men's freehold within the town of Beverley three parts was in decay, and other tenements that was inhabit[ed] with tenants was so feeble that they might not well pay. Another cause was said, that merchandize sometime used within the town of Beverley is so greatly enfeebled, what by loss of the sea and what with taking of enemies on the sea, that profit of merchandize is nothing as it was wont to be. Another cause, they have been so charged with taxes yearly that has been paid, and yet is for to pay, that withouten our grievous hindering to the community, like chevance may not be made.

Another is, as it is well kenned, that enemies of divers nations has been on the coast of Holderness, and there has taken divers ships, men, and their goods; also have run up at Withernsea and other places in Holderness, there taking sheep and men with them. Which coast of Holderness, us (*sic*) must help and relieve in time of necessity, with all our power, in withstanding the enemies abovesaid. Also another is certified to us, that the Scots will have open war, which to us will be a grievous charge, and warrants come from the Wardens of the March to raise the people as it has been done before time. Another cause (*MS. torn here in places*), poundage for safeguard and keeping of the sea both for them and . . . . . men and their ships are taken on the sea daily to their utterest . . . . . remedy.

Wherefore such charges rehearsed with other that is . . . . . importable hindering to the town. Praying you heartily with all our . . . . . and to ye the said town good and tender mastership at this time in askcuse . . . . . be us at this time considering the causes abovesaid. Therefore we pray . . . . . your entent by letter how by your wise discretion we shall be de . . . . . No more at this time but Almighty God have you in his Grace. Written at Beverley the 2nd day of July. By your own . . . . . Governors and Wardens of Beverley."

The worthy Governors, however, got no comfort from the Provost by their excuses.

f. 23. For this was the answer to the above letter.

"Worshipful sirs and full entirely beloved friends and neighbours, I greet you well oftentimes, of right perfect and hearty ("hertly") affection. Letting you wit that I have late received your letter directed to me by your common servant.

As for your excuse to the King our sovereign Lord of a loan ("loom") or chevance of 200 marks, desired of your town by the King for his special embassy and army at this time into France for the treaty of peace; of the which labour I pray you have me excused. For truly as I stand toward the King, as ye know, and also that other men of like condition as ye be of (e)strangeth them nought in this case, but makes chevance under surety sufficient, considering the great and notable cause of the desire thereof. And I could not reasonably excuse you without ye put you somewhat like other, and under like surety, the which is ordained as strong as the Lords of the Council, the which are chief lenders ("lenners"), at this time can desire. And therefore withouten ye be disposed to do like other of your degree, desire me not to entreat in that matter; as well for your worship as for mine. For truly I wot well it would not be accepted of your part, and I might be held (*MS. torn*) therewith, the which I trust ye would not in no wise. Wherefore I counsel you ye . . . . like other men of your degrees to do somewhat to the King's pleasure, and send it hither by . . . . . man in haste, and I will help you to bring it to as little sum as I may with all my

heart . . . . . with God. The which have you ever in his holy keeping. Written in haste at London, the 8 day of July. By Robert Rolleston, Wardrober and Provost."

f. 23. 1434. Exemplification of a Charter of Henry II. for the Hospital of Hedon.

Inspeximus, 18 Nov. 13 Henry VI. of Charter of Henry II. to the "infirm of Heddon, whom William Earl of Albermarle placed there for the souls of Henry I. and others," to have a fair on St. Mary Magdalen's Day. Date torn away.

1437. Bond for the arbitration and award between the Twelve Governors and the Prior of Bridlington: *viz.*—

Bond by Roger Rolleston, Esq., Thomas Mayn, William Spencer, merchant, Thomas Skipwith, merchant, to John (Kemp) Archbishop of York, in £200, that the Archbishop's tenants and residents in Beverley, the Provost and Chapter of Beverley, and all their tenants and residents, and the 12 Governors and all their tenants and servants, will abide by the award of the Archbishop in all matters pending with the Prior and Convent of Bridlington, their tenants and servants.

1439. Copy of writ for restraint of grain; 18 Oct. 18 Henry VI. On account of scarcity now long existing no corn to be taken out of the port of Beverley without special leave.

f. 24. 18 Henry VI. Condition of bond for £20 between the 12 Governors and William Dalton of London. To appear in St. Paul's to choose two arbitrators in the matter of claim by Dalton to rent of 5/- from a house outside North Bar, Beverley.

Similar bond by Dalton, who is to show his title.

26 March, 18 Henry VI. Letter of attorney by Thomas Wylton, William Colwell, Guy Bridekyrke, and the other twelve Governors, appointing John Holme to act for them in the matter.

1436, 14 Hen. VI. Gaol delivery at Beverley for Alan Haulay.

Letters patent to Robert Rudstan and Roger Rolleston to deliver gaol of prisoners thereat. Thursday after Corpus Christi Day, the gaol delivered Alan Haulay, indicted for divers felonies and treasons, found guilty and executed. No goods. No other profits to the Crown.

f. 24*b.* *to* 31. Series of Charters and Pleas, as follows:—

1414. 20 June, 2 Henry V. *Inspeximus* and confirmation charter to Henry (Bowet) Archbishop of York. Recites the charters of:—

i. *Edward the Confessor*, in corrupt Anglo-Saxon. (This is printed by Poulson I. 42. His translation of "minster-life" as meaning "monastic-life" is of course quite wrong. It means, "according to the rule of Secular Canons," which was by no means monastic).

ii. *William the Conqueror*, also in corrupt Anglo-Saxon. Poulson I. 46.

iii. *Henry I.* This is not noticed by Poulson. It is given thus:—

H. Rex Angliæ omnibus mercet (*which appears to be a mistake, probably for* ministris) et omnibus baronibus de Ewrewicscira salutem. Volo et praecipio ut terra sancti Johannis non geldet si ipsa non geldavit tempore Edwardi et patris mei; et sit quieta sicut homines comitatus inde portabunt ei testimonium. Et consuetudines et libertates alias concedo, sicut meliores habuit tempore Regis Edwardi et patris mei. Teste Roberto comite de Mellent, apud Wesmonasterium.

iv. *1 Stephen, 1135.*

f. 25. *Inspeximus* of 29 June 1 Henry IV., for Richard le Scrope, *inspecting* 14 Feb., 12 Richard II, *inspecting* 20 Nov. 12 Edward III., *Exemplification of Pleas of Quo Warranto*, viz:—

8 Edward I., before John de Wallibus, etc., Justices in Eyre; gallows, return of writs, estreats, coroners on each side of Hull water, fishery in same, assize of bread and beer, free warren. The Archbishop claims gallows and coroners from grant of Athelstan, and Henry I., the rest by prescription.

f. 25*b.* 8 Edward I., before John of Metyngham etc., Justices in Eyre, at York; two Mints at York; produces charter of Henry I. to Archbishop Gerard.

f. 26. 21 Edward I., before Hugh de Cressyngham, etc. in Eyre at York: Infangthef etc. in Beverley and Ripon; Wednesday and Saturday markets in Beverley; chattels of felons and fugitives; wreck at Beverley; fines for escape of robbers; coroners; return of writs; custody of prisons; gaol delivery; pleas coram Rege and in Common Bench; pleas of fresh force; of wrongful distraint; all pleas usually held before sheriff; in pleas of the Crown the King's judges deliver writs and records to the Archbishop's judges at the Mile-cross, and the case is tried by the latter, in presence of one or two of the King's judges, who sit to bear witness that justice is done, etc.

f. 28. The Archbishop puts in evidence;

41 Henry III, before Roger de Thurkilby &c. at York, Justices of Assize; pleas of right and assize, the recovery of land by Thomas of Caster as heir to his brother.

30 Henry III. before Roger de Thurkilby, &c. Pleas of Crown at York. Archbishop's man and Provost's man found 8 "ollas Batumer'" and "patell[as] de metall" on Eske Moor and took them to Beverley. They are taken and their chattels forfeit to the King.

Inspecting also exemplification 20 Nov. 12 Edw. III. of Pleas at York before W. de Herle, etc., Justices de Banco, 1 and 2 Edward III., Roll 68.

f. 28 *b.* Plea as to land in Ripon; production of Writ of 25 Jan. 2 Edward III. that Archbishop has cognizance of pleas of land in Ripon and Beverley.

2 Edward III., Roll 116. Plea of Dower in Beverley; the Archbishop's bailiff claims it. Plea of Debt, the same.

9 Edward III., Roll 6. Plea at Common Pleas at York. Trespass and false imprisonment at Beverley. Archbishop's bailiff claims cognizance, and it is allowed on production of Writ 18 June 1 Edward III., Trinity term Roll 5, allowing claim in similar case.

f. 29 *b.* *Inspecting* also Inspeximus of 7 July 17 Richard II. of Assize of Novel Disseisin before Robert of Charlton, Mich. 16 Richard II., as to tenements in Beverley and Sandholme, stating that the liberty includes, besides Beverley town, the town of Sandholme, Stork, Mollescroft, Thorne, Wodemanse, Sice, Hulbrig, Wele, Tykton.

Inspeximus also of 23 Aug. 5 Henry IV. Charter as to Steward, Marshal of the Household, and Clerk of the Market being excluded from the liberty.

Inspeximus also of 26 March 41 Henry III. Free Warren to Sewall, Archbishop of York.

Inspeximus of Charter of Henry I. To Sheriff of Notts and Barons of Notts and Derby, confirming to Archbishop Thomas customs on lands in Notts and especially of B. V. M. of Southwell, viz., To do right as Canons of York would in like case.

Inspeximus of Charter of Henry I. To William Pevrell and Richard, Sheriff of Notts, confirming to Archbishop Gir[ard] customs which Thomas his predecessor had in Notts.

[Full translations of the Quo Warranto pleas of Edward I. and Henry III. are given in Poulson I. 149, omitting that as to the mints at York. He does not state whence he took them.]

f. 31. Indenture made by the Community for the election of the Twelve Keepers ("Custodum").

25 April 1345.—"Hæc Indentura testatur quod communitas villæ Beverlaci elegit xij. homines ejusdem villæ, viz. Willelmum de Kelsterne, Ricardum de Luda (Louth), Thomam Harald, Robertum de Humbleton, Johannem de Walton spicer, Johannem Clericum, Willelmum de Dalton, Thomam Coppandale, Johannem de Warton, Robertum de Walton tannatorem, Johannem de Cotyngham, Walterum Barker, juratos ad custodiendum villam praedictam a festo S. Marci Evangelistae A.D. 1345 usque ad idem festum anno revoluto.

Dans eisdem xij^{clm} hominibus, vel septem eorum, specialem potestatem omnia et singula proficua communitati contingentia percipiendi, redditus recipiendi, communitatem de vastis terris, domibus, pratis et pasturis, et omnibus aliis rebus communitati tangentibus, dimittendi et appriandi (*sic*) toto tempore prædicto ad opus communitatis prædictæ; exennia, curialitates, expensas et salaria, quotiens sibi pro communitate viderit expedire, dandi et faciendi; compotum de omnibus receptis et exceptis et aliis rebus communitati tangentibus ante tempus confectionis præsentium, nomine communitatis prædictæ,

audiendi, allocandi, et acquietare faciendi, ac omnia alia et singula faciendi in praemissis et circa præmissa quæ communitati prædictæ viderint proficuabilia et opportuna. Et quicquid xij^{cim} vel septem eorum jam electi per sacramentum suum pro utilitate communitatis se dixerint expendisse vel imposuisse, per xij. eligendos pro anno futuro sine contradictione eis allocabitur. Præterea, quod si xij^{cim} seu clericus ant serviens eorum sint implacitati, vel aliquis eorum per se sit implacitatus pro officio, vel pro aliquo alio commodo facto communitati, expensæ illorum de communitate in omnibus restaurentur.

Et si forte oporteat quod in villa prædicta misæ ponantur, prædicti xij^{cim} homines præmunire facient omnes Burgenses de villa prædicta essendi ad certum diem ad communem aulam, ita quod per assensum et consensum eorum misæ ponantur, et hoc per libratam.

Et si dicti Burgenses de villa prædicta venire contempserint vel per collusionem assentire noluerint, extunc licebit prædictis xij^{cim} misas ponere et levare per libratam prout melius per sacramentum suum viderit expedire.

Et sciendum quod xij^{cim} homines jam electi, vel septem eorum, per mensem ante tempus prædictum præmunire facient omnes burgenses de villa prædicta ad eligendum cum assensu prædictorum xij^{cim} hominum alios xij^{cim} homines ydoneos ad villam prædictam custodiendum pro anno futuro.

Et si quis de xij^{cim} tunc electis prædictum officium contempserit, vel esse noluerit, communitati prædictæ sine remedio vel contradictione incontinenter solvet xl$^{s.}$

Et si quis de xij^{cim} jam electis ad communem aulam pro negotiis communitatis agendis venire contempserit, cum per communem servientem præmunitus fuerit, quotiens se absentaverit, nisi causam habeat rationabilem, communitati prædictæ xij^{d} solvat. Et quicunque alius de villa burgensium nostrorum, cum sic præmunitus fuerit et venire contempserit, singulis vicibus communitati prædictæ sex denarios solvet in forma supradicta.

Et si contingat quod in districtione xij^{cim} hominum vel septem eorum, seu servientis nostri communis, aliquis de communitate, tam de dictis xij^{cim} hominibus quam de ceteris burgensibus, rebellis seu remissus inventus fuerit, aut rescussum fecerit, quod incontinenter sine remedio vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ solvat communitati prædictæ.

Et similiter liceat prædictis xij^{cim}, vel septem eorum, ipsum sic inventum rebellem ant remissum, de die in diem, per omnia bona et catalla sua, ubicunque fuerint sic inventa, distringere et districtiones facere, fugare, asportare et detinere, quousque de omnibus arreragiis, debitis, demandis, et proficuis ad communitatem pertinentibus, prædictæ communitati plenarie satisfecerit.

Et si aliquis de prædicta communitate in præmissis nullo modo justificare possit, prædicti xij^{cim}, vel septem eorum, præmunire facient omnes burgenses villæ prædictæ ad certum diem ad

communem aulam in auxilio prædictorum xij^{cim} hominum -vel septem eorum, ad ipsum sic inventum rebellem et contrarium justificandum, et ulterius de talibus rebellis (*sic*) et contrariis remedium apponere et ordinare, quotienscunque et quandocunque necesse fuerit pro utilitate communitatis prædictæ.

Et si dicti Burgenses de villa prædicta præmissa facere contempserint vel noluerint, quod extunc liceat prædictis xij^{cim} officium suum respuere, et quieti sint de omni onere, actione et demanda quæ dicta communitas erga hos habere poterit, quantum ad prædictam villam ulterius custodiendum.

Item ordinatum est et statutum per communitatem villæ Beverlaci quod nullus de communitate prædicta ponat seu ponere faciat fimum vel sterquilinium in altis stratis, nec in aliis viis publicis villæ prædictæ ubi carrectæ fugantur, vel possunt fugari. Et si quis de communitate prædicta contra hanc ordinationem facere præsumpserit, nisi ad minus amoveatur qualibet septimana, quod incontinenter solvet prædictæ communitati xl^{s}.

Item ordinatum est et statutum per eandem communitatem quod omnes panni venales villæ prædictæ debent vendi in les Dynges, et si vendantur extra et non inibi quod capiatur de venditore pro quolibet panno integro viij^{d}. ad utilitatem communitatis prædictæ, et hoc annuatim capiatur per xij^{cim} custodes villæ prædictæ qui pro tempore fuerint.

Et istæ ordinationes vel statuta locum teneant. Ratum et gratum habitura quicquid prædicti xij^{cim}, vel septem eorum, jam electi, in præmissis duxerint faciendum in forma præscripta. (*Sic.*)

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum communitatis et sigillum prædictorum duodecim hiis indenturis alternatim sunt appensa.

Dat. apud Beverlacum die et anno supradictis."

f. 31*b*. Protection for the men of Beverley.

16 April 37 Edward III. Writ to all Bailiffs that whereas certain men were indicted at Beverley for divers robberies and oppressions, and some of them were convicted, and according to privilege of clergy delivered to the Archbishop to be imprisoned, and their relations and friends threaten the men of the Community of the Town of Beverley with corporal violence and burning of their houses, we take them under our special protection.

Commission for Green Wax; 136$\frac{5}{6}$. 10 Feb. 40 Edward III. Writ to Sheriff of Yorkshire.

According to the custom anciently obtaining in Beverley, Sheriffs' Officers ought not to levy and take the Green Wax pennies belonging to Us in the said town before they have shewn their warrants for levying the same to the Bailiffs of the said town; but some men of the town complain that some of your officers have levied such pennies without showing their warrants, and under colour of such levy extort money without reasonable cause, to our scandal and loss. See to it that it does not occur again.

f. 32. 1375. Discharge of the citizens of York from murage, pavage, and stallage.

5 July, 49 Edward III. Writ to the Pavage collectors of Beverley. The citizens of York are free of murage, pavage, and stallage throughout the kingdom by charter of Edward I., confirmed by Us with clause of non-user; do not therefore charge them pavage for their goods brought to your town.

1432. Of divers Burgesses indicted for their measures, 11 Henry VI. The jurors say on their oath that the 12 Governors and the Community of the town of Beverley have no weights or measures sealed with the Royal Seal and of the Royal Standard.

John Thorynton of Beverley, tailor, bought of John Burwell of Cheriburton, on 6 December last, 20 quarters of barley by his own measure, exceeding the King's measure by a London bushel in every quarter, and so extorted 2 qrs. 2 bushels at 5*s.* a quarter.

John Brown of Beverley, baxter, and several others presented for the like offence.

f. 32. 1451. Copy of writ to have the names of men, as well temporal as spiritual, having lands to the value of 20*s.* and upwards.

John Pykeryng, Sheriff of Yorkshire, to the Bailiff of the liberty of the Archbishop of York of Beverley; 29 Henry VI. *Venire facias* before Henry Earl of Northumberland at Baynton on Tuesday before the feast of St. Edmund the King, all Earls, Barons, Knights, Esquires, and other persons having lands and tenements, fees, annuities in fee or for term of life, or by copy of court roll, to the value of 20*s.*, and all Abbots, Priors, Prioresses, Masters of Guilds and Brotherhoods, Chantry Priests, having any lands acquired since 20 Edward I. And all constables of every township of the liberty aforesaid to hear and do what on the King's behalf shall be enjoined them. Bring the list with you.

f. 32*b.* Confirmation of Bull of Pope Celestine, by Eugenius IV.

1 Aug., 1435, *anno pontif.* 5, dated at Florence, confirming the liberties and privileges of the town of Beverley.

Feb., 1438, *anno pontif.* 8, dated at Florence. Eugenius [IV.] to his beloved sons the burgesses of the town of Beverley. Confirmation in general terms of all liberties, immunities, privileges, exceptions, laudable customs and indulgences [" indulta "], also lands, freeholds [" libera tenementa "] granted by Thurstin, William Sewall, Alexander and Richard, Archbishops of York of good memory: also by Henry I. son of William the Conqueror of England, Stephen, Henry II., John, Henry III., Edward I., II., III., Richard II., Henry IV., V., of sacred memory ("divæ recordacionis") and our dearest son in Christ now Henry VI., and all other princes and others of Christ's faithful people, for the honour of St. John of Beverley, whose body was honourably buried, adorned as is asserted by frequent

miracles, in the Collegiate Church of the said town splendidly built ("solemniter constructa"); to them, their heirs and successors, and the town, as they and their ancestors, burgesses of the said town, freely held them.

f. 33 *to* 36. *Blank.*

f. 36. "The appoyntement betwyx the *Bastard of Orliance and Burdelez (Bordelais).

"First, the 12 day of June the 29 yeer of our Soveraygne Lord Kyng Henri the sexte was appoynted and ordeyned betwix the Bastard of Orlyance and Burdelez, that if the French party were stronger in the feld than the Englisch party before the castell of Fronsek on Midsomer daye next folowyng, that then they sal delyver the said Burdeux and Burdelez, Bayonn and Acrez, if they will stande to the same appoyntement.

Item, that the Frensch oste sal not com no further uppon the Englisch groynde duryng the said composicion.

Item, that if the Frensch party have the feld that day, that on Midsomer day [they] schulde be resceyved in Burdeux, and take the obbesiance and sacrament of alle tho that will be Frensch.

Item, that if ther be any man that wol not be Frensch that he take with hym alle his moveable goodis and goo his way within vj monthes folowyng, garnyshed with a safe condith, that sal coste hym a scute.

Item, tho that have possessions and goods unmeveable, that they leve them to their next heyres that wil abide and be Frensch.

Item, every persone that will abide and be Frensch schal have alle his goods and possessions, be they of the King's gifte or othirwise, in the same form and manner as he had them before.

Item, all men of holy chirche of what estate or condicion they be schal holde their benefises and rents as they were of custum to do.

Item, if ther be any habitant of Burdeux or Burdelez or of any place yelded be the seid composicion, at this tyme beyng out of the contre, that he cum home within xij moneths, and he schal be receyved and enioye his goods, possessions or benefices as they did before.

Item, all the custumes, franchises, privylegis and lawys schal be used, conserved and kept asweel in Burdeux as any othir places, as hath been.

Item, that ther money schal holde and not be changed this ij yeer day.

Item, that the Court of the suffereynte schal be holden and kept in Burdeux as hath been used and custumed befor this tyme.

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*The words "Frensch King" are in the original before "Bastard," but scratched out.

Item, they in Bordeux nor in the contre sal not be put to no gabelellez, quatreinds, talage, nor non imposicion, nor non othir custumes then has been had and used.

Item, that all maner of marchands may cum into Burdeux be watir or be land to discharge and charge in all places, payeng the dute and custume as hath been used here afor.

Item, if the Frensch kyng wil make any werre to any contre, that they of Burdeux nor of the places yoldyn in the contre be sayde composicion schal not be holden to serve the said kyng withoute wages.

Item, if any schip of Ingeland wil come to Eren he schal come saf to Nostirdamys Entredeux Acres, and fro thens to sende unto Burdeux for a saf condith, which schal be sent them for the maystirschip and maryners to be ther saf condith; and for the merchands to cum bye and selle at Burdeux, paying for the same saf condith eftir the burdon of the same schip.

Item, in this composicion abovesaid the counsell of Burdeux hath comprisond Bayon and Acres; and if the said Bayon and Acres wil not yelde them be the said composicion that then all that may be done[?] in all haste goo befor hem and take hem be strengthe.

And for to fulfille thees articles the Frensch Kyng and the Bastard been bounde, expressed be ther seals, for to do this in al haste possible withouten any tarieng or delay."

f. 36. 1450.* "Copy of the first bill unto the Kyng fro the Duk of York the yeer aforwretyn.

"Please it unto your Excellence for to know that as well afore my departing out of that your realm for to go into your land of Ireland in your full noble service, and since ("sethyn"), certain persons have lain in wait to hearken upon me, as Sir John Talbot, Knight, at the Castle of Holt, Sir Thomas Stanley, Knight, in Cheshire, Pulforthe of Chester, Elton of Worcester, Broke of Gloucester and Richard groom of your chamber at Beaumaris; which ("whilke") had in charge as I was informed for to take me and put me in the Castle of Conway; and to strike off the head of Sir William Oldhalle, Knight, and to have put in prison Sir Walter Devereux ("Devoroux") and Sir Edmond Mulso, Knight, withouten enlargishing, unto the time your Highness had appointed their deliverance.

(*f.* 37.) Item, at such time as I purposed for to arrived (*sic*) at your haven of Beaumaris for to come ("commyn") unto your noble presence to declare me your true man and subject, as my duty is, my landing was stopped and forbarred by Harry ("Herry") Norys, Thomas Norys, William Bukley, William Gruffe, and Bartelmew Bolde, your officers of North Wales, that I should not land there nor have victual nor refreshing for me and my fellowship, as I have written to your Excellence herebefore. So far forth that Harry Norys, Deputy to the

* See Gairdner's edit. of the *Paston Letters*. I. LX.

Chamberlain of North Wales, said unto me that he had in commandment that I should in no wise have landing there, nor refreshing for man, horse, nor other thing that might turn to my worship or ease, putting the blame unto William Say, usher of your chamber, saying and affirming that I come against your intent, as your traitor, as I am informed.

And moreover certain letters was written, made and delivered unto Chester, Shrewsbury, and to other places for to prevent ("lette") mine entry into the same.

Item, above alle thes wronges and injuries abovesaid and done unto me of malice withouten any cause, I being in your land of Ireland in your service, certain commissions were made and directed unto divers persons which for the execution of the same sat in certain places [and] the juries empanelled and charged; the which juries certain persons laboured instantly for to have indicted ("endited") me of treason, to the intent to have undo me, mine issue, and corrupt my blood, as it is openly published.

Beseeching your Majesty Royal of rightwiseness to do examine these matters, and thereupon to do such justice in this behalf as the cause requireth, for mine intent is fully to pursue to your Highness for conclusion of these matters.

The Copy of the Second Bill.

Please it to your Highness tenderly to consider that great grudging and murmur* is universally in this your realm of that justice is not duly ministered to such as trespasses and offends against your laws; and especial of them that been indicted of treason, and other being openly noised of the same; whereby great inconvenients have fallen, and greater is likely to fall hereafter in your said realm, which God defend: but if ("gif") by your Highness provision reasonable be made for due reformation and punishment in this [be]half.

Wherefore I your humble subject ("soget") and true liegeman, Richard, Duke of York, willing as effectually as I can, and desiring the surety and prosperity of your most royal person, and welfare of this your noble realm, counsel and advertize your Excellence for the conservation of good tranquility and peaceable rule among all your true subjects, so to ordain and provide that due justice be had against all such that be so openly indicted or openly noised. Wherein I offer me and will put me in devoir for to execute your commandment in these premises for punishing of such defenders, to redress the same misrule to my might and power. And for the hasty execution hereof, like it your Highness to address your letters of Privy Seal and writs to your officers and ministers to take and arrest all such persons so noised or indicted, of what estate, degree or condition so ever they be, and them to commit to your Tower of London, or other your prisons, there to abide in bail, withouten mainprise, into the time they be thereof utterly tried and determined after course of your laws."

* "romer" [rumour], *Paston Letters*, ut supra, I. 153.

THE ANSWER OF THE KING TO THE SAID BILLS.

f. 37. "Cousin, we have seen the bills late taken to us, and have understood ("undirstande") the good humble obeisance that in your selfe ye show unto us as well in word as in deed.

Wherefore our intent is the more hastily to ease you of such things as were contained in your said bill. As how it be that at our more leisure we might answer you in your said bill, yet we let you wit that for the cause aforesaid we will declare you now our intent in this matter.

Sooth it is that a long time (*word-space in the MS.**), the people hath given upon you much strange language, and in special, anon after the disordinate and unlawful sleyng of the Bishop of Chichester, divers and many of the (*MS. torn,* "untrue") shipmen and other said ("sayden") in their manner words against our estate, making menace ("manasse") unto our person by your saying that ye should be fetched home with many thousands, and that ye should take upon you that that ye neither ought nor, as we doubt not, ye will not attempt, so far forth that it was said unto our person by divers, and specially we remember of one Wastnesse, which had such words unto us. And also there were divers of such false people that wenten and had such language in divers of our towns in our land, which by our true subjects were taken and duly executed.

Wherefore we sent to divers of our ports and places for to hearken and take heed if any of such manner of communing† were, and if there had been, for to have resisted it. But coming into our land‡ as ye did, our intent was not that nor ye, nor less of estate of our subjects and servants, should have been warned, but in goodly wise received. How it be, that peradventure your sudden coming withouten certain warning, caused them to do as they did, considering the causes aforesaid.

And as touching to the indictment afore specified, we think verily there was none such, and if ye may truly prove that any such persons was there about, the matter shall be demeaned as the law requireth, so that ye shall know it is to our great displeasure.

Upon this easing of your heart in all such matters we declare, repute and admit you as our true faithful subject and as our well beloved cousin.

Item, as touching your last bill, last put up unto us, Cousin, we understand well that ye of your good heart, counsel and advertize us to setting up of justice and to speedy punishing of certain persons indicted or noised, offering your service to be ready at our commandments in the same. Sooth it is, that, many great causes moving us, we have determined in our own soul so [*sic,* for "to"] stablish, with sad and so [*read* "a sad and"] substantial council ("consaile"), giving them more ample authority and power than ever we did afore this; in the which we have appointed you to be one.

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* "among the people hath been upon you," *Paston Letters*, ut supra, p. lxi.
† "coming," *ib.* ‡ "our true subject," *ib.*

But sith it is not accustomed or expedient to take a conclusion, or a conduct, by advice and counsel of one person by himself, for which consideration [it] is observed that in councils, greatest and the least, the rich and the poor, in liberty, virtue, and effect of their voices ben equal, we have therefore determined within our self to send for our Chancellor of England and for other lords of our counsel, they all together within short time ripely to commune [of] these and other our great matters. In the which communication such conclusion, with grace of God Almighty, shall be taken, as shall be to His pleasure, to the weal of us and our land, as well in these matters as in others."

A Bond for 550 Saleus.

f. 38. 8 July 1452. "Be it kenned unto all men by these present letters me William Manypeny, Knight, Lord of Congtursault in France, to be bounden and obliged by these present letters, and farther in my body binds and obliges me, to the right honourable and worshipful lord William Turnbull, Bishop of Glasgow ("Glaskow") in 550 saleuz of good gold and of weight after course and poys of England, or in the value of English payment if the saleuz may not easily be gotten, to be paid unto the forsaid William Turnbull, Bishop, or to his executors and his assigns, at the terms underwritten, by half and evenly portions, which is to say at Allhallowmass in winter next coming after date of these presents, and at the feast of Easter ("Pasche") next thereafter following, withouten further delay or exception fraudful.

And if happen, as God forbid it do, me William Manypeny, Knight beforesaid, to fail in payment of the sums of goods and money, or in the avail, as it is said, at terms before written, in all or in part, I oblige me, my lands, rents, possessions, heirs, executors and assigns, all and sondry my goods moveable and immoveable whatsoever within the kingdoms ("kinrikes") of Scotland and France to be taken, [im]pounded and away led withouten license of any judge spiritual or temporal, at the freewill of the forsaid William Turnbull, bishop, his executors or assigns, or his lawful attorney having sufficient mandement and power of him to come and pursue in any place wheresomever; while, of as well costs, scathes, damage, labours and expenses, if he or they any make or sustain, in default of payment of the sums of gold and money aforesaid or of the value of English payment, as said is, at the terms afore written, as of the principal sums and debt, full payment be made and assessed, withouten fraud, guile or evil ("male") engine, none exception of law canon or civil by me, mine heirs or executors or assigns, or by any others in my name to be proponed or alleged, any time to come in the contrary.

In witness of which thing to these my letters of obligation my seal is put and subscribed with my own hand the 8 day of the month of July in the year of our Lord, a thousand four hundred fifty and two years."

f. 38 *b.* 1452. 30 Henry VI. A record of a "servand recedid out of his service." Letter testimonial to the effect that Thomas Colyn otherwise Colynson had fled from service of John Willyamson, dyer ("littester"), after having entered into covenant to serve him in "littestercraft" for a year, taking with him £3 11*s.* 5*d.* received of divers persons in Northcave, Whitgift and Croule to the use of Willyamson. "To your university effectually we notify, praying you to fortify the said John Willyamson after the form of the Statute of our liege lord the King against servants fugitives."

Breakers of the Park in Beverley.

f. 38 *b.* "To the most excellent and worshipful Lord the Earl of Northumberland.

Complaineth to your gracious Lordship your poor servant William Murthewayt, keeper of the park of Beverley. Whereas in the feast of St. Mary Magdalen at Leconfield, I complained unto your most worthy lordship of certain trespass and harms done to my lord within my said office, at which time it liked you of your special grace to give me in charge, at such time as I knew that any belonging to your worthy household did any trespass or reveny within my said office, to certify their names to your said lordship.

How be it that divers times, and as who say continually, sith that time, certain persons have been within my said office and there without leave have hurt, slain and borne away my lord's deer in great number, that hithertowards I, supposing that they would have been more thankfully entreated to leave such misgovernance, which I can in no wise bring about, have not complained: Now is it so that upon Saturday 29 July last past, John Pykeryng, squire ("sqwier") Henry of the cellar ("seler"), William Clifton, William Hotoft, John Clifton, John Smothyng, Henry Schotelanger, Thomas Broghton, John Clerk, servant to William Normanvile, Richard, servant to Pynchebek, Copshawe and Basset, came into my said office, in fencible wise arrayed, and there killed two deer, and there said themselves lay in wait to have slain me and my fellowship, and beat and hurt certain of my friends within my said office, as they were coming towards me, for the which I am of very force coerced ("coartid") at this time to complain to your most worthy lordship, tenderly beseeching you of remedy and succour in this behalf, at the reverence of God and in way of charity.

And your said suppliant shall ever pray to God for your noble estate."

f. 39. Another copy of the *Magna Charta Communitatis*, as far as the word "pyxides," stopping at the detailed list of rates.

Another copy of the Bull of Eugenius given above, *f.* 32 *b.*

f. 40. Blank.

f. 41. 1425. Ordinances of the craft of Saddlers. No date, but given at *f.* 65 of the Guild Book as dated 1425.

1447. 26 Henry VI. Petitions of the craft of Fullers for election of searchers.

Petitions of the craft of Coupers. Printed among the extracts from Guild Book.

f. 41 *b.* Weavers' ordinances. Also in Guild Book.

f. 42. Turners and Joiners to go with Coupers. Also in Guild Book.

f. 42 *b.*-45. Weavers' ordinances. Also in Guild Book.

f. 45. Ordinances as to Sanctuary men's (*Grithmannorum*) payments, if practising a craft.

f. 46 *b.* Of the payments by Paviours and work of Bakeries ("clibanorum") and of Lead-setters ("led-setters").

f. 47. Tilers' ordinances.

f. 47 *b.* Skinners' ordinances.

f. 48 *b.* "The co[u]nt of leves written in this book is xlj^{tl}, with a litle labell in Engleshe.

Si mea penna valet melior mea littera fiet."

GREAT GUILD BOOK. (*Translation.*)

f. 3 *b.* These are the customs and liberties of the town of Beverley from the time of which no memory remains used and approved by the Burgesses of the said town [as appears by the old Register registered on large paper].*

Of the Assize of Bread.

Inprimis, that the twelve keepers of the town of Beverley who are elected each year to keep the aforesaid town, at the next Court of the Archbishop after the feast of St. Michael, in full Court at Beverley, present six burgesses of the same town to keep the Assize of bread and beer for that year. Which six burgesses shall swear that they will faithfully keep the Assize aforesaid. And whenever they shall see it necessary and fitting, they shall take loaves, which loaves shall be weighed by the bailiffs in the presence of the aforesaid six burgesses, and there, according to the weight and quality of the loaves at their discretion, defects

* The words in brackets show where the Guild Book differs from the Town Chartulary.

shall be adjudged, and by their oath offenders shall be fined and punished, and the fines, if there be any, shall be assessed ("affirentur") by them, and the aforesaid fines shall be delivered to the said bailiffs in accordance with indentures made between the six burgesses and the bailiffs; excepting however on the three feasts of the fairs of the town aforesaid, namely, of St. John in May (7 May, *but the later version has* "in yeme"), of the Ascension of the Lord, of the Nativity of John the Baptist and for eight days following, and except between the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula (1 August) and the feast of St. Michael, at which time let no Assize be held. So that at other times of the year the Assize be kept in form aforesaid.

Of the Assize of Beer.

And as to the Assize of beer, the aforesaid six sworn men shall make an Assize of beer at any time of the year when they shall see need. And in the end of the year, namely at the feast of St. Michael, they shall fine all brewsters ("brasiatrices") offending against the Assize. And the fines aforesaid shall be made and assessed by the same six sworn men, and the same fines so assessed shall be delivered by indenture to the Archbishop's bailiffs and be levied by the bailiffs. Except however that there shall be no assize of beer at the times aforesaid. And that the Archbishop's bailiffs shall interfere in no other way than is aforesaid.

Of the butchers.

And that butchers be not punished before the Archbishop's steward, or his bailiffs, without special precept and commission of the lord King.

Of the punishment of fishermen [and forestallers].

And that no fisherman being a burgess be punished for any default except by fines, and this when he has been convicted by twelve sworn burgesses, and that those fines be assessed only in full Court of the lord Archbishop, and that by the oath of burgesses of the same town sworn for that purpose.

This only excepted, that if any one shall have been lawfully convicted by twelve sworn men as a forestaller in a case in which he is adjudged a forestaller by the statute of the Lord King, That then he or she so convicted be punished according to the law of the land and the quality and quantity of the crime. And that in every inquest to be taken by the Lord's steward to inquire of forestallers the jurymen be expressly informed by the steward or bailiff who are forestallers and who are not.

Of summonses of burgesses.

And that no burgess be summoned except in his own house and this by both bailiffs at once [by a bailiff carrying a rod and sworn]. And that in pleas of land no burgess be summoned except by both bailiffs in like manner, and in his own house, as anciently has been the custom.

And that no burgess be fined for refuse heaps ("sterquiliniis").

Of the levying of fines.

And that none be called out to levy amercements or fines except under the seal of the bailiff, and that they be levied by one sworn bailiff.

Of the attachment of burgesses.

And that no burgess be attached for any trespass for breach of the peace ("pro affray del pees") unless the trespass happen in presence of the bailiff, and the complainant wish to prosecute his adversary; and then the offender shall find pledges to answer to the laws. And if the party complaining does not wish to prosecute, then the defendant go quit as to the suit of the Lord, whether he be a burgess or a stranger.

And that no burgess be arraigned ("areniatur") on the presentation of the constable or bailiff, or anybody else, except at the presentation of twelve men, without the special precept of the lord King.

[Of the forfeiture of a tenant of a burgess.]

And if any tenant of the burgesses of the town incur forfeiture, and the Lord's bailiffs have seized the chattels of felons, that the burgess shall first be satisfied of his rent if any be in arrear.

And when any one in the Archbishop's Court at the suit of a party do right, for which it is considered that the party should be quit [*here the MS. of the Chartulary breaks off, a leaf having been torn out, and the text is taken only from the Guild Book*] that then the bailiffs of the Archbishop should not take or exact anything from the party of the defendant so quit; where, before the present time, by extortion, some bailiffs have taken 12$^{d.}$ against the laws.

Of the sons of burgesses.

Also it is decreed and ordered for ever by the community of the town of Beverley that no one who was born before his father was made a burgess shall enjoy the privileges of burgesses. Thus: A man either a stranger or a denizen ("advena vel indigena") made a burgess who has children begotten and born before he was made a burgess, those children shall not be burgesses or commoners ("communicarii").

Of the children of concubines.

Also, [if] a burgess keep a concubine and beget offspring from her, out of matrimony, that offspring will not be burgesses or commoners, even if their father afterwards marry the mother of the said children.

Of children begotten in adultery.

Also it was decreed and ordered that [if] a married man, a burgess, beget children in adultery, those children shall not be burgesses or commoners, unless they make their entry (*i.e.* pay their entrance-fee) in the Guildhall before the Governors and community.

Mode of election of the Twelve Keepers of the town of Beverley.

Whereas it was long ago ordered and decreed by the community of the town of Beverley that on the election of the twelve keepers of the town of Beverley he who had been nominated and elected a keeper of the town of Beverley, and had refused the office, should pay to the community 40^{s}, but because it had not been fully ordered and decreed whether he who refused the said office and paid the penalty aforesaid should be quit and discharged of the said office for two years then next following, or whether he might in the following year be again elected to the said office; therefore on Friday 6 May 1370, the whole community being assembled in the Guildhall of Beverley, it was ordered and decreed by the said community with regard to the premises, That he who relinquished the said office and paid the penalty aforesaid, for that year only should be exonerate and quit of the said office, and that in the year following he might be lawfully elected and chosen to keep the said office. And so of all other offices affecting the community of a lesser and lower degree let it stand and be at all times, for the collection of boxes and such like.

Penalty of one of the Twelve Keepers elect being absent.

1376. Also, it was ordered on St. Mark the Evangelist's day, A.D. 1376, the whole community being present, with the full consent of the same, that he who is elected to be one of the twelve keepers of the town of Beverley be in the Guildhall, while Prime is ringing ("pulsante prima," *apparently equivalent to the phrase still in use at Winchester College of* "first peal"). If any one is later, if he was in the town of Beverley, let him pay without remedy 40^{s} to the use of the community aforesaid.

Order of the sealing of letters testimonial: [*as in the small Register*].

f. 6 *b.* Oath of the Twelve Keepers of the town of Beverley.

This swear I, M., that I will keep the town of Beverley from this day to the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist next with all my mind ("sensu") and power, and no man by reason of affinity, consanguinity or friendship unjustly sparing, nor any man by reason of hatred or malice unreasonably aggrieving ("gravando"); so help me God and these Holy Gospels of God. And if he has not taken the oath before, then he will swear:—And that I will be faithful and true to the community of Beverley and will keep secret the counsels of the community.

Oath at the entry of a burgess.

This swear I, N., that I am free, and that I will be faithful and true to the community at Beverley, and that I will keep secret the counsel and secrets of the town of Beverley and the Guildhall, and will be law-abiding ("justificabilis") and obedient to the twelve keepers of the town of Beverley who now are, and to those who shall be hereafter; and will put no animals in any of the pastures of Beverley, except those which are my own, without fraud or craft, and I will keep the customs of the town and of this house. So help me God and these Holy Gospels of God.

f. 7. Oath of the Thirty persons.

[*This is in a later hand, but before* 1498.]

This swear I, N.F., I will be true and faithful to the twelve keepers or governors of the town of Beverley for the time or year being, and to the Corporation ("corporacioni") of thirty persons; and at all times, whensoever they require counsel or assistance for any cause concerning our lord the King or our lord the Archbishop of York or the community of this town, I will be prepared with my best counsel and assistance according to my power, and I will keep secret the counsels of the same community and will not reveal them. So help me God and these Holy Gospels of God.

Copies of the Commission and Release of the Twelve Keepers with copy of the release for Cotyngham.

1374. Let it appear to all by these presents that we, the community of the town of Beverley, have chosen twelve men of the town aforesaid, viz.: A, B, C, D, F, and G, sworn to keep the town aforesaid from the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, A.D. 1374, to the same feast of St. Mark the next year, giving to them and granting them, or seven of them, full power to levy and take all and singular the profits and assessments

("proficua et assessas") touching the aforesaid community. And also for the time aforesaid to keep and maintain all the statutes and liberties and ancient customs of the town aforesaid. And to chastise and punish all those offending, according to the customs and statutes of the town aforesaid, ratifying now and in time to come ("ratum et gratum habentes et habituri"—*the common form for a proxy*) whatever the aforesaid twelve or seven of them shall think meet to be done about the preservation and keeping of the town aforesaid for the time aforesaid. In testimony whereof we have caused our common seal to be affixed to these presents given at Beverley in the said feast of St. Mark, A.D. aforesaid.

1369. Know all by these presents that we, A, B, C, D, F, and G, keepers of the town of Beverley, A.D. 1369, have received the account of H, J, K, L, M, N, and P, keepers of the town of Beverley, A.D. 1368, so that all things being reasonably accounted for we have found the aforesaid and their fellows before named have faithfully administered their office and have rendered to us a faithful account of all receipts, rates ("misis") and expenses incurred by them in the keeping of the town aforesaid. Wherefore we acquit and discharge them by these presents, all and each, from rendering any further account of the premisses. In witness &c.

Know all by these presents that I, R. de G., receiver of the Lady A., Countess of Kent and Lady of Cotyngham, have received and had on the day of the making of these presents of the community of the town of Beverley by the hands of the twelve keepers of the town 40s. sterling for the term of Pentecost last past before the date of these presents; which 40s. I acknowledge that I, in the name of my Lady aforesaid, have been fully paid, and I acquit the said community thereof by these presents. In witness &c. Dated &c.

Ordinance of the sealing of letters testimonial.

f. 6. 1306. And it was ordered by Richard Holme, Thomas Frost and his fellows, keepers of the town, on St. Mark's day 1306, and confirmed by the whole community, that henceforward no writing made under the common seal for any cause should be delivered to any one before that it be written in the present register; so that the same writing after the term contained in it should be asked for ("petatur") by the keepers for the time being and surrendered to them. And that if any testimonial should be made for any of the burgess-ship ["burgensiæ". *The later copy in the Guild Book has* "burgense"] that it should be sealed with the smaller leaf of the common seal, and not with any other.

Order for the sealing of the Commission and Release of the Twelve Keepers.

1306. Also, it was ordered in the year last aforesaid that the keepers elected on the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, and for every year in future, that (*sic*) their commission made to them

by the community should be sealed with the whole seal, and should be surrendered on the feast of St. Mark or before they have their release stated. And that their release on their account of receipts and expenses made by the said keepers for the said community should be sealed with the lesser leaf of the common seal, because the said release will remain with them without re-delivery. And that the said release sealed with the lesser leaf aforesaid should be to them in full allowance and delivery for the time for which they held office, for ever.

Of the absence of burgesses of Beverley from the election of the Twelve Keepers on St. Mark the Evangelist's day with penalty.

f. 6. *Chartulary.* 1435. On St. Mark the Evangelist's day, A.D. 1435, it was ordered and decreed to be perpetually observed by the common consent and assent of the community of the town of Beverley gathered together within the Guildhall, That any burgess of the said town who on any St. Mark's day in the future should not have come to the election of the twelve keepers there before the ending of the common bell, namely at eight o'clock, if he have been summoned on the day next before by the common bellman, but shall have absented himself from the same election, shall, each time that he has been found guilty, pay to the use of the community aforesaid 6d., without any pardon, unless he has a reasonable excuse.

Of the summons of Burgesses.

f. 15 *b.* 1354. It was ordered and statuted by Richard Holme, Thomas Frost and the rest of the keepers, with the assent and consent of the whole community, that no Burgess, or neighbour of Beverley, summon or cause to be summoned another for any matter before any ecclesiastical judge outside the town of Beverley, unless he first show and reveal his injury and grievance before the Dean of Beverley; and if he cannot get justice there, then he may lawfully seek ("perpetrare") justice elsewhere. Penalty 6*s.* 8*d.*

Ordinance against any Burgess impleading another.

1354. It was ordered [&c.] that no burgess of Beverley implead or cause to be impleaded another by writ, or in any court, for any matter or action, unless he first show and reveal his injury and grievance to the keepers or governors sitting in the Guild Hall. And those who are at variance ("discordes") shall abide by the award, order and judgment of the twelve or seven of them. Penalty 6*s.* 8*d.*

Order with regard to the buying of 100 feet [of land].

f. 7. 1367. Also, A.D. 1367, it was ordered in the Guildhall at Beverley by the whole community there assembled, that he who thereafter should be free from toll, by reason of buying 100 feet of land, come to the Guildhall before the keepers of the town, and there make known where his land lies, and show his deed, and pay entrance [fee] to the community, 4*d.*, to the clerk, 1*d.*, sergeant, 1*d.*

Penalty for abusing the Common Clerk.

And if any abuse the common clerk of the Guildhall in performance of his duty he shall pay without delay to the community 6*s.* 8*d.*

Penalty for abusing the Common Sergeant ("clientis").

And any one abusing the common "client" while doing his duty shall pay to the community 3*s.* 4*d.*

Of the office of Bellman and four bells.

f. 15 *b.* 1390. St. Mark's Day. William Pyncheon was elected by the community to the office of Bellman of Beverley, and after him Thomas Tyrwhit son of John Tirwhit, and received of the community 4 small bells, price of each 2*s.*, on condition of repairing them for the good of the community as long as he remained in office, at his own costs.

Penalty for surrender of burgess-ship.

f. 11 *b.* 1403. Also it is ordered Wednesday, the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, 1403, by the twelve keepers of the town of Beverley and the whole community of the same, that if any of the burgesses of the said town hereafter surrender his burgess-ship with this object, that he does not wish to be obedient and law-abiding ("justificabilis") to the twelve keepers of the town aforesaid, that he shall forfeit and pay to the said community £10, as often as he shall have been found guilty of the same.

f. 8. 1428. The community of the town of Beverley gathered together in the Guild Hall, Tuesday, 16 March 1428, for a letter sent to the 12 keepers or governors of the town of Beverley undernamed, in the name of Sir Henry Brounflet, knight, and Master John Ellyecarr, the purport of which letter was this: That for reverence of the said venerable persons and at their supplication the 12 keepers should admit William Gelle, fisher ("fisscher"), and make him a burgess. This being shown to the community, they with one consent said that the said William Gelle is a Grithman, and inasmuch as it was ordered and decreed before the said day that they should not for the future make any Grithman a burgess, therefore he cannot be admitted to that

liberty nor any other Grithman for ever. And it was ordered and decreed the same day and year that no burgess of the town of Beverley who is a Grithman shall for the future, to the offence (*it is written* "defence") of the common people, or against the peace of our lord the King, carry on him any knife or dagger ("dagarium") except with a blunted point, nor a club ("baculum") or short sword ("baselardum") within the town of Beverley, on pain of forfeiture of the same to the lord Archbishop, and forfeiture of his burgess-ship to the community of the town of Beverley for ever. And that these ordinances and constitutions may have perpetual force they were ratified and confirmed by Roger Rollyston, &c., the 12 keepers or governors of the community of the town on the day and year aforesaid, with the assent of the aldermen and stewards of all the crafts ("artium") of the aforesaid town and of all the co-burgesses then there present.

f. 16 *b.* 1429. 25 April. Public complaint was made in the Guild Hall by very many burgesses of the town that William Panys is a sower of dissension and discord and mover of unjust actions ("querelarum") between many of the community aforesaid, though wholly ignorant of law, to the grievous loss and expense of the community and the loss of many of their goods. Therefore it is ordered by the common assent of the community that no burgess should retain or employ the said William Panys in any plea or cause henceforward to be brought in any court within the liberty aforesaid, and if any burgess presume to do so he shall lose his liberty without delay.

f. 21. 1457. 25 April. The common burgesses of the town in their Guild Hall assembled and coming together ask the honorable men the keepers or governors of the said town to have their ancient contributions, as in the Crafts Register of the said town contained, and the rendering of the account in the presence of the aldermen and stewards of every craft, within a fortnight next after 24 June, and this under penalty of £10 as in the Common Book of Paper specified. Also, that the election of the Twelve Governors shall be made yearly on 25 April of 18 of the more honest and worshipful burgesses of the said town according to the tenor and effect of the Great Charter, as was anciently accustomed.

The names of 202 persons are given as granting the premisses ("concesserunt ad præmissa").

Certain Orders.

f. 21 *b.* 1460. 25 Apr. St. Mark's Day 1460, at the special request of the community it was ordered that the keepers or governors of the year last past shall render their accounts before the Nativity of St. John Baptist then next, or within 40 days following, on penalty of forfeiture of £10 to the said community, to be paid without delay, and so yearly render account under the penalty aforesaid. Also it was ordered the same day that every

alderman or steward of every craft can be present on the account day if they wish, when summoned by the common sergeant of the town. Also that every person of every craft of the town, being a brother of the same craft, be a burgess from the day of the making of this order, under penalty of 40s., to be paid to the community. Also it was ordered and decreed that no Grithman of the same town hereafter be a burgess even though he have a royal charter, etc. And that anyone indicted for felony shall not have his liberty until he has been cleared ("declaratus") of the said felony.

New Ordinances.

f. 7 *b.* 1461. Ordinances and statutes made and published by Thomas Menskip [&c.] keepers [&c.] with the consent and assent of all the honest ("proborum") burgesses of the aforesaid town, and all aldermen and stewards of every craft and science of the aforesaid town, for the reformation of certain abuses of certain unlawful contributions and customs in use among the burgesses and inhabitants of the town, and for the common good and necessary advantage of the whole community of the town, A.D. 1461, as is more fully contained in the following:—

(1) If any one, of whatsoever estate or condition he be, wishes to dwell within the town of Beverley he shall freely come to inhabit, dwell, and practise his science or art, in the said town, without any exaction or contribution of money to be paid to the said community or any other [of] his science or art for the first year of his coming, except to the lawful and necessary expenses of the castle, and of the light of his art or science, and of the play if it happens that the play be ordered by the governors of the town that year.

(2) After the first year, as long as he shall stay and set up a public shop and occupy, and not be a burgess, he shall pay and contribute yearly to the community until he is made a burgess 12*d.*, and to the alderman of his art or science 12*d.*, besides the charges and expenses of castle, light, and play of his craft incumbent on him as a master: but the wage-receivers, or hired men called journeymen, shall observe the constitutions and ordinances made as to them, as is noted in the ordinances of the burgesses of each art and science in the town in their several places.

(3) The twelve keepers or governors shall in future be called and named by the burgesses the twelve Aldermen, Keepers or Governors of the town of Beverley, and all proclamations, injunctions and orders shall for the future be made under that name, as anciently the same town used to be ruled and governed by an Alderman.

(4) The orders of the Keepers to be observed: penalty 40*s.*

(5) The burgesses shall not make any assemblies ("conventiculas") or meetings ("congregationes") in the houses of the Friars ("fratrum"),* or in other places, nor shall come together in numbers ("multitudinem") to the Guild Hall, except when summoned by the twelve governors; penalty 20*s*.

(6) If any inhabitant, burgess or non-burgess, of any craft, be not present in the taxation and assignment of expenses of castle, light, and play of his craft, and doubt of the true assessment and determination of expenses, and thereof feel himself aggrieved, and wish to complain thereof to the governors, then the governors shall inquire into and examine the truth and adjudge as they shall think best.

(7) Any member of any art or science, not a burgess, who is to be received as master or brother of a craft, shall first, before his reception by the alderman and stewards, be presented to the governors, who shall take from him an oath of fealty ("fidelitatis") to the community of the aforesaid town, and that he will faithfully observe all constitutions and ordinances of his art or science; on penalty of 10*s*. to be paid by the said alderman and stewards.

(8) Any one of the forty-eight burgesses who has been one of the governors not coming to the Guild Hall for public business when summoned, to pay 6*d*., unless he has a reasonable excuse, and send it to the governors the same day.

(9) Any dispute taking place before the governors shall as far as possible be settled by the governors; and the disputants shall obey their award, except in cases of debt, in which the governors shall not grant any delay or give time without consent of the parties.

The rest of the ordinances concern individual trades, as follows:

(10) No carpenter or tiler, viz., "Tilethakker, Tilewaller, and Plasterer," who has not a regular apprentice who works with him, to employ a journeyman without the consent of the master of the works with whom he works, and the latter may employ any journeyman he pleases, and finish a job begun by one with another.

(11) Carpenters, tilers, and their servants, sawyers, paviours, and their servants and workmen, shall observe these hours:—

From Easter to the Assumption (15 Aug.), from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m., with an interval at 6 a.m. of ¼-hour to drink; at 8 a.m. of 1 hour for breakfast; at 11 a.m. of 1½ hour to dine and sleep; at 3 p.m. ½ an hour to drink; otherwise they shall not be tardy, or absent from their work, on pain of 12d. to the community.

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* It does not appear to mean brethren, *i.e.* burgesses, as they are not elsewhere so called, though the governors are. It appears elsewhere that the Friars took care of the Common Seal and Treasure Chest.

From the Assumption to Easter they shall begin at daybreak, and leave off when the light fails. At this season they may have at 9 a.m. ½ hour to drink or breakfast; 12 noon 1 hour to eat; 3 p.m. ¼ hour to drink.

(12) No carpenter, &c., shall refuse to work with any burgess who wants him unless previously engaged on some other work; penalty 6*s*. 8*d*.

(13) No barber or chandler ("chaundelarius") shall put any resin in waxen images or candles for sale, or in any way carry on their craft to the deception of the people; penalty 20*s*.

(14) Every carrier ("cariator"), porter or creler wanted by any burgess shall carry for him unless previously engaged by another, and shall then carry for the second as soon as he has finished for the first; penalty 6*s*. 8*d*.

(15) When a burgess has been distrained upon for a debt to the community, if the distress be not redeemed in 8 weeks, it may be sold by the governors in the Guild Hall.

(16) No one to have ships, boats ("batellas"), or ketches ("caches") built or repaired on the banks of the great Beck, between Guchmerelane and Parsonbrig, without special leave of the keepers; penalty 20*s*.

(17) No fishermen, viz. "pansaremen," bringing fish into the town, to take them away for sale until the inhabitants are served: penalty 6*s*. 8*d*. All fish to be exposed for sale in the market, and not in their houses or other private places.

(18) No burgess shall present those who have been keepers and governors to serve the office of constable in the Archbishop's Court; penalty 6*s*. 8*d*.

(19) On account of the stink, fouling of the air, and destruction of fruit trees, none to make a kiln ("thorale") to burn bricks ("tegularum") in or nearer the said town than the kilns are now built; penalty 100*s*.

1465. *f*. 21. Award (in English) of George [Neville] Archbishop of York, Chancellor of England, with preface in Latin.

Because on St. Mark's Day 4° Edward IV. on the day of election of the 12 Governors when the 12 Keepers or Governors of the community and the community were quietly and peaceably proceeding to an election, sundry and divers meetings, insurrections and riots against the peace and against the election and against the King's writ directed to the Governors in this behalf, were made by Thomas Dicson, William Dowthorp, Adam Newcombe, William Richer, Robert Atwod, Robert Payne and William Taillour, shoemaker, then present in the same Hall: Wherefore we John Coppandale [and 11 others, the 12 Governors] with the consent and assent of all the aldermen of the crafts of the town caused the said Thomas Dicson and his fellows to be arrested and imprisoned; and the said Thomas and his fellows continued in their malice a long time till the most

reverend Father underwritten sent for them to Cawood and took their malice into his own hands, and made and delivered his award, decree and judgment under this form, as appears in a paper thereof made and sealed with his seal :—

[Then follows the award, in English, dated 6 Oct. 5 Edward IV., which is given by Poulson I. 244 from the Warburton Papers, with, however, mistakes in names and words, and without the above statement, which shows the reason for it.]

Ordinatio Nova.

1493. 25 Apr. *f.* 25. It is ordande and statute on the Feste of Saynte Marc the Evaungeliste in the yere of our Lorde God M° cccc° lxxxxiij° by Thomas Frost, Roger Kelk, Robert Whyte, and their brethyr, ratefyed and confirmed by Adam Newcombe, John Rowmthwayte, John Cole, and ther brether, the same day elect: by the assent and consente of all the Aldermen and of all the Comynalte of the towne of Beverley that day beying present in the Guylde Haule.

Fyrst, it is ordande and statute that no Gentilman, yeoman ne craftsman of the towne of Beverley be takyn to worshyp of the towne: bott allonely that berys charge of clothyng, castell and pageaunte within the sayde towne.

Also that ther shall no man occupy none occupayon, nowther by hymselfe nor by no jorneyman noght within the franches of Beverley, bott allonely that att he is brother withall, and in clothyng: and att evereman be in clothinge with the crafte that he most getts his lyffyng by.

Also that evere Burges of the towne of Beverley be fre to bye and to sell hys owne gudes, so that he kepe no oppyn shopp in retaylyng. Nor no man by any maner of merchandyse for redy money to sell itt again in retaylyng: bot it sal be presentyd by the Alderman of Merchaunts to the xii Governers for the yere beying: And itt to be fynabyll by the dyscreyon of the forsayd xii Governors, als oft tymes as any such defawts be founde in retaylynge.

Allso itt es ordande that itt shall be lefull to the Seyrchours of the Smyths to make serch within the towne of Beverley for any maner of thynge belongyng to ther occupacion; And yf thai fynde any defawte, itt to be fynabyll by the dyscrecyon of the forsayde xii Governers.

Also it is desyryd by the Drapers that thai shall be in clothyng by thame selfe; And to have a castell and a pageante as other occupacyons hafe. Such a pageante as the xii Governers wyll assigne thame to, upon payne of forfettour to the comynalte of xl*s*.

Also that evere man be fre to sell hys owne clothe, whersoever he may fynde his merchaunde.

And att all those ordynaunce aforesayd be kepyd in evere degre with evere occupacyon, upon payne of forfettoure of x*li.* to the Comynalte.

Thyse er the namys of the Aldermen folowynge that ware consentyng to this ordynaunce afore regystre, with the consent and assente of the most party of ther brether.

Robert Whyte - -	Alderman of	Merchaunts
John Wattkyn - -	,, ,,	Bowchers
John Northende - -	,, ,,	Baxters
William Cortt - -	,, ,,	Wryghts
Robert Waggas - -	,, ,,	Smyths
William Sparow - -	,, ,,	Taylors
William Rudd - -	,, ,,	Barkers
Henry Loursall - -	,, ,,	Weavers
Thomas Elsdale - -	,, ,,	Walkers [Fullers]
Adam Newcombe - -	,, ,,	Lyttsters [Dyers]
William Bryghte - -	,, ,,	Wattermen
Thomas Aclyfe - -	,, ,,	Shomakers
John Rowmthwayte -	,, ,,	Bowers, Coupers and Fletchers
Elyas Elys - - -	,, ,,	Glovers
John Kirkham - -	,, ,,	Tylers
Thomas Attkynson -	,, ,,	Barbors
Robert Eshton - -	,, ,,	Potters
John Haythwayte - -	,, ,,	Sadyllers
Robert Weyll - -	,, ,,	Fyschars
Thomas Colynson - -	,, ,,	Ropers
Robert Gray - -	,, ,,	Cokys
Henry Weton - -	,, ,,	Crelars
John Lelywhyte - -	,, ,,	Paynters
Thomas Graybarne -	,, ,,	Laborers

New Order of the Election of the Twelve Governors.

1498. *f.* 26. All maner of men present and for to com knawe that insomych os itt is founde in wrytyng in alde constitucyons of the eleccyons of xij Kepers or Governers of the Towne of Beverlay Itt hase beyn usyd of late the electyon for to be made in forme underwrytten, that is for to say,

That the xij whych hafe beyn Governors or Kepers of the Towne in the yere next goyng before the Fest of Saynt Marc the Evangelist in the presens of Burgesys therto warnyd afore, And to whome itt shall please to be assystyng in the Guylde Hall in the forsayde Fest of Saynt Marc shall geder to gyder and compare. And then and thare shalbe publyshyd and namyd xij of the nowmer of the xxxvj so that none of them so namyd had beyn in that offyce of other two yeres then next afore passyd; And allso other xij that had beyn in the office aforetymes paste, And allso other vj worschypful and famouse Burgesys of whome none of theym had beyn in the office afore tyme.

And so the forsayd xxiiij and these vj addyd to and now[m]berd makes full nowmer of xxx Burgesys of the Towne ther, of whome xij Governers or Kepers of the sayde towne schuld be elect and chosyn.

And for als mych as itt is consydered by the hole body of the sayd towne that the forsayd nowmer of xxx person is to large to be hed of the electyon for the worschyp and honesty of the sayde towne, Therefore it is ordande and statute in the yere of our Lorde God m° cccc^mo lxxxxviij° by the xij Governers, that is to say, Robert Whyte, John Armestronge, Elyas Cass, Thomas Bullok, Johne Thomson, Edward Johnson, Henry Watts, William Grevys, John Owsby, William Curtase, Robert Smyth and John Wryght, by the assent and consent of the other two Bynks [benches], And allso by the assent and consent of all the Aldermen of the sayde towne with ther breder, that the electyon fro now furth schal be made of xviij persons, that is for to say,

That the xij Governers of the towne whych hath had rewyll for the yere next goyng before the Feste of Saynt Marc the Evangelyst in the presens of Burgesys tharto warnyd afore, And to whome itt shall please to be assystyng in the Gyld Hall in the forsayd Feste of Saynt Marc shall geder to gyder and compare. And then and thar shal be publysshyd and namyd xij of the nowmer of the forsayd xxxvj, or iij bynks, so that none of thame so namyd had beyn in that office of other two yeres then next afore passyd: And allso other vj worschypfull and famouse Burgessys taken thrugh the towne att the plesour of the sayde xij Governers. And so of those forsayd xij, And those vj addyd to and nowmerd, that is xviij Burgessys of the towne there; off whome xij Governers or Kepers of the sayd towne shal be elect and chosyn.

Whylke xij so electe and sworne, or att the leste vij of them yf mo may noght be thare presente, shall have full power, Fermys, Rents, and alde assesyngs in the same towne to rayse, And alde customys and statuts to kepe and halde, And all rebels and gaynsayers after ther discrecyon to chasty and punysch. And whennever shalbe ordynaunce and statutes with the consent of the body of the Towne of new for to ordane and sett. And yf itt happyn that any of the forsayd xxxvj dye, be seyk, be diffamyd, be falne to poverte, or in any other wyse be febyld, so that he be founde insuffycyent, then in hys stede to fullfyll the nowmer shalbe namyd a nother sufficyent Burges in the sayde towne, whersoever he shalbe founde, by all the towne.

And whosowver brakes this electyon from hencefurth, and be foundyn rebell agayns this ordynaunce and statute, whych that may lefully be provyd upon hym, shall forfett to the Comonte x^li. withowt any pardon And ther body to prison. And itt to be levyd and raysed by dystres.

[Another statute as to Corpus Christi procession made the same day is given below under the heading of *The Common Plays.*]

For Peter Craw "in senectute sua."

1522. *G.B f.* 22. Memo. that uppon Monday, 8 Dec. 1522 and 14th yere [&c.] of Henry VIII., Peter Crawe, draper, beyng one of the counsell and corporacion of thys towne of Beverley, For such

infirmities and seknes as he hath in hys body and lymys, so that he may no longer occupy any rowme or rewll within thys said towne, And for the some of xx markes, whiche he hath graunted to pay toward the newe beyldyng of Saynt Mary churche in Beverley now leyng in rewyne, Hath graunted by John Wensley and his brethren the xij Governers of this said town, by thassent and consent of the comminaltie of the same, under the common seale beryng date the day and yere abovesaid, That the said Peter Craw shalbe clerely discharged for ever from hensforthwards as to be any of the xij Governors of thys said towne, chirche-wardens, eleccions, quests, sheriff tournys or sessions, or any other rowme or rewll within thys said towne of Beverley whatsomever. Unto the whiche graunte Sir Richard Rokeby, knight, and Roberte Creyk, esquyer, have putto ther gode myndys, as by hys forsaid graunte therof, under the common sealle of thys towne to the said Peter Craw therupon made, more playnly it doth appeyre.

The said somme of xx marks ys full content and payd, and the said Peter his executors and assignes thereof acquyte and discharged for ever.

1535. *f.* 29 *b.* (English.) Articles of an order taken in the Star Chamber the last day of November, 27 Henry VIII., by the Lords of His Majesty's most Honorable Council concerning the yearly election of the 12 Governors of the town of Beverley, and for the quietness good order and peace within the said town.

Item, first it is ordained and ordered that the election of 12 Governors made of St. Mark Day shall be frustrate and void; and that upon the vigil of S. Thomas the Apostle next coming the tenants and inhabitants which have, or ought to have, interest of the election of the same town, shall assemble themselves at the place accustomed, and come before the officer or officers of the Archbishop of York, for a new election of the 12 Governors peaceably to be made: And then and there shall elect 12 new Governors, discreet and honest persons, for the good order and rule of the said town, which 12 Governors shall continue [&c.]

Item, it is ordered also that no person that is Governor in the said town one year shall be Governor in the year next following, nor Governor there two years together; and that the Governors being elect for one year shall always for ever make their true account after the year ended to the new Governors that shall be elect, within six months after the year ended.

Item, it is also ordered that none dwelling or inhabiting out of the same town shall be elect or chosen at any time to be any of the said Governors, nor intromit or meddle with the election of the twelve Governors; the officers of the Archbishop of York only except.

Item, it is ordered that no gentleman, now dwelling out of the said town, which from henceforth shall purchase or buy any tenements or lands within the said town of Beverley, shall be hereafter elect or chosen any of the said 12 Governors.

Item, it is ordered that neither Sir Raff Elleker, nor one Oswyne Ogle, son-in-law to the said Sir Raff, shall at any time hereafter be elect and chosen any of the said 12 Governors of the said town. [*A similar order against Robert Gray and Richard Broune erased in the original.*]

Item, it is ordered that the Archbishop of York for the time being shall have the order and rule of the said town of Beverley in like manner and form as his predecessors Archbishops of York have beforetime had.

[An injunction to old Sir Ralph Ellerker, knight, enjoining and commanding him upon pain of 500 marks that neither he nor any other person or persons for him or in his name or by his procuring from henceforth shall intermeddle with the election of the 12 Governors of the town of Beverley, and that the said Sir Raff observe perform and keep all and singular the articles had made and devised by the King's Most Honourable Council in the Star Chamber at Westminster the 30th November 27 Henry VIII. concerning the said election and commonwealth and Governors of the said town.]

Item, another injunction to the tenants and inhabitants of the town [*to the same effect*] upon pain of 1000 marks.

[Next follows a bond by Robert Gray and Richard Broune in £100 to observe the same articles.]

1536. *f.* 27. Indenture 5 Nov. 28 Henry VIII., between Edward Archbishop of York and chief lord of the town of Beverley of the one party, and Robert Creke, esquire, John Wright, gent., Robert Ruffulls, Robert Gray, and other the burgesses of the said town on the "tooder partie."

Recited, that the Archbishop had in the town his court called the Sherriff's Tourn or Court Leet, and ought to have all defaults, offences and other things inquirable presented there, and all the fines, amerciaments and other profits arising from such presentments: also authority to make, depute, and ordain the Clerk of the Markets and to have all fines and other profits of such office: to make justices of the peace, with the same power of inquisition as those made by the King, and fines and profits of such inquisitions; and the burgesses had no right to intermeddle.

"Yet notwithstanding, the said most Reverend Father in God wishing the increase and advancement of good order and rule to be kept within the said town, and the common weal of the same, And for the tender love and zeal that he beareth to the same, hath covenanted and agreed"—

(1) That the burgesses shall have "their free election and nomination of 36 persons to be one of the Common Council of the said town," vacancies to be filled by the Governors and the rest of the 36, naming "two of the most honest and substantial persons, burgesses of the said town, which be of vesture and castle, and none other, to the commonalty" who choose one.

(2) On St. Mark's day, every Alderman of every occupation and craft shall call their occupations together at the accustomed place, and inquire which of the 24 Councillers or Assistants they will choose as the 12 Governors for the year following, and the names to be presented to the 12 Governors in writing showing the Alderman's name and those present or voting for the 12 chosen; and the Governors "gathering the voices of all the said occupations shall choose" as Governors such as "hath the most voixes (*sic*) of all the said occupations." 6*s*. 8*d*. penalty for false return by the Aldermen.

(3) The twelve outgoing Governors to make their account to the twelve incoming.

(4) Every one to attend the election "in the clothing of their craft or other their best array," and no person to come into the "Hanshouse or the court or garthe of the same" within 3 days of the election with any "sword, dagger, wood-knife, or other weapon defensive or invasive," on pain of 20*s*.

Anyone not paying the penalty, or being a maintainer of quarrels, and so found before the 12 Governors, to lose his burgessship.

(5) No two brothers or brothers-in-law to be Governors the same year, and if there are two on the 36 their voice only to count as one.

(6) No retainer in household livery, cognizance or otherwise of any spiritual or temporal lord or person to be of the 36.

(7) All burgesses to have a voice in the election. No gentleman dwelling out of the town to be elected a Governor.

(8) The Governors may at any time summon the 24 for their advice and counsel, and the 36 so assembled may summon the whole commonalty, but not otherwise.

(9) The Governors on the election day, or within 5 days, to elect two of themselves Keepers of the Market to [ap]praise and set price of herrings and other fish and other victuals brought to market.

(10) Two persons of every occupation to be chosen "Searchers of false weights and measures: unlawful tanned leather: corrupt flesh and fish: bread and ale not keeping the true assize or not made wholesome for man's body:" for forestallers and regraters of corn and other things; to be presented to the twelve Governors in the Common Place. And the Governors to present them on oath at the next Sheriff's Tourn or Court Leet to the Archbishop's Steward or his deputy; the fines to be assessed by him with two of the oldest Governors, to be levied by the officer of the Archbishop and the common officer of the town, and to be divided between the Town and Archbishop.

Penalty for the Governors not presenting offences, double the moiety of the fine.

(11) The burgesses to have the appraising of fuel and victuals "as shall come to be sold into the Beck called Beverley Beck, or Grovall."

(12) The Sanctuary men coming to the town to contribute to the upholding of any craft or mystery they practise as men of the town do.

(13) The Burgesses to "have issue and course with their water from their pastures called the Fegang through the township and fields of Thurne to the water of Hull, so that the said issue be not hurtful to the Archbishop."

Sealed with the Burgesses' common seal and the Archbishop's Great Seal.

A new oath was imposed after this concordat (Guild Book *f.* 5.) which is given in Poulson, I. 288, in what purports to be a verbatim and literatim copy, on the part of the Governors and of the Burgesses, specifically undertaking to observe the articles of the agreement. But the following blunders, amongst others, make havoc of the meaning.

"(I shalbe trewe to the comanalety of thys town) and deyn the poorest of thy a place" should be "and leyn (*i.e.* conceal) the secrets of this place" (viz., the Guild Hall). The oath of the Burgesses should begin:—"Thys swer I that I am fre and no gyrthman (*i.e.* sanctuary man, *not* "gyrthmired"). And I shalbe trewe to the commonalties of thys town of Beverley, and justiefiable (*not* "impatalle") and obedyent to the 12 Governors." A line or two further on "coon m̄" pasture should be "common" pasture.

The constitution thus settled lasted only till 1574, on 24 July of which year the town obtained a Charter of Incorporation under the name of "Mayor, Governors and Burgesses of the town of Beverley"; the day of election being altered from St. Mark's day to Monday before Michaelmas day, and the Governors were made an absolutely close co-optative body, by the vesting of the election of new Governors in the surviving Governors with the Mayor.

Purchase of the New Hall in Crossgarthes.

1500. *f.* 26 *b.* Purchase of the great messuage which was Edward Mynskyps in the Crossgarthes in Beverley from Edward and Thomas Ottyr by Richard Boothe, Alexander Bossall, William Peyrson [etc.] 12 Keepers or Governors, &c., 9 Nov. 1500, for a pasture called the Tunge, as it lies at the Beck end then belonging to the Community, and for £22 6*s.* 8*d.*

Tuesday, 11 March 13 Henry VIII.

152½. *Guild Book f.* 27. Percevall Robson, draper, being one of the number of 36 of the Council of this town, upon a wrongful slander made upon him by John of Grene, bearward ("barward") to the Right noble Lord Henry Percy, earl of Northumberland, which

bearward by cause that Thomas Robson, son to the said Perceval, let his ban-dog ("band doge") to one of his bears, when he was baiting, and for other grudges that was betwixt them before, spake unto the said Thomas such words, "Take away thy dogs, thou Scots byrde:" whereupon the said Percevall his father incontinent after he knew that he had called his son Scot, complained unto the Governor Robert Whytene, who gave the said Percevall counsel to cause him to be arrested, and intended to have sued him for his wrongful slander, And for avoiding of such suit . . . . . John of Grene . . . . rode unto my lord Percy to Wresill . . . . and besought my lord Percy to be so good lord unto him as to write a letter for him unto Master Robert Creyke, receiver to my lord Cardinal's grace, And to the 12 Governors aforesaid, to be good masters unto him concerning his unthrifty behaviour, insomuch as he spoke it but in wrath and at the baiting of his bears, And so my lord Percy wrote a letter. . . . And Master Percival read and declared it openly in my lord Cardinal's Court, the twelve Governors with many more as well of the town as of the country hearing it, and the said John of Grene being present. And therupon he was rebuked as well of Master Receiver as of the twelve Governors . . . . and openly denied his slander, and asked forgiveness, which the said Percival was right loth to give, but only at the special instance and desire of the Receiver and the twelve Governors . . . . forasmuch as it was well known of divers in this town that he was born in Haltwistle ["Hawtwysell"] in Northumberland, and his father called Roland Robson of Conyngwode and born in Haltwistle aforesaid, and that they and all their kin were true Englishmen born. And so . . . the said Percival was content to remit the matter upon such condition that the matter might be recorded and registered in this book called the leger ["lygger"] in the Common Hall . . . .

Lawsuits and Debates. Penalty.

f. 5 *b.* *Chartulary.* When a lawsuit had been begun between Robert of G. of the one part and Adam of S. on the other before the Keepers of the town of Beverley, they came to an agreement to this effect, That if either of them henceforth offended against the other that he who was found in fault should without remedy pay to the community 6*s.* 8*d.* And to this they were bound by surety before the said Keepers.

Award.

Be it remembered that when a lawsuit had been begun between Thomas of H. and John of B. who had been sworn to keep the peace between themselves by the arbitration and judgement of Sir Thomas Ge, chaplain, &c., They then ordered and adjudged the parties aforesaid being sworn to stand in all things to the order of the arbitrators aforesaid that if either of the aforesaid Thomas and John should thereafter offend against the other [he] should without remedy pay to the community 20*s.*

f. 6 *b Guild Book.* From the bailiwick ("constabularia") of

Northbar without		60*s.*
Northbar within	£6	
Cornmarket	£10	
High Gate (*Altæ viæ*)	£4	
Walker Gate		100*s.*
Fysshmarket		100*s.*
Flemyngate		60*s.*
Barlyholme	£4	
Laythgate	£6	
Keldegate		60*s.*
Sum		£50

From bailiwick of

Norwood	43*s.* 6*d.*
Beck	70*s.*
Keldgate	26*s.* 6*d.*
Sum	£7

From Chapter Fee	19*s.* 10*d.*
Diminution ("minoracio") of $\frac{1}{15}$th and $\frac{1}{10}$th	53*s.* 4*d.*

Of watching the borough of the town of Beverley ("De vigilacione burgi villæ").

1405.—The reverend men of the community being assembled 11 December, 1405, it was ordered that the community shall watch at such times as seems good to the keepers of the town, and every one who is not personally present at the watch if strong and able, or by some other true and sufficient deputy if sick or impotent, shall pay to the community 6*s.* 8*d.* without any pardon, and that every one summoned to watch be ready personally in his best harness ("apparatu") under the penalty aforesaid.

Of the proclamation to be yearly made and the hour of watching.

And let that proclamation be yearly made when it shall have seemed good to the keepers of the town and the steward of the lord that no innkeeper ("hospes"), wineseller, brewster or female seller ("vendatrix") called tipeler permit any inhabitants or strangers to reside or remain by night in their taverns after 9 o'clock has struck in the night, except true and honest persons for whose doings their hosts will answer to the lord the King and the community of the town, under the penalty of all which the King could take as forfeit in this behalf. And that no burgess or other inhabitant of Beverley keep at his house or table any stranger unknown beyond a competent time for coming and going in travelling, unless their hosts in the first week come before the keepers of the town with the same strangers, and make their names and persons there known, and undertake for their

good behaviour, viz., a burgess under penalty of the loss of his freedom, and an inhabitant, of 40*s*. to be paid to the King. And that no inhabitant wander in the streets beyond the franchises of Beverley by night after 9 o'clock, nor any stranger after 8, without a light, and reasonable cause, under penalty of imprisonment until provision and order shall have been made for the delivery of offenders by the keepers of the community and the servants of the lord.

[A full translation of Queen Elizabeth's charter is given in Poulson II. appendix p. 10, with some mistakes in names of people and places.]

1576. *f.* 35*b*. Certain ordinances motioned and proposed in the time of the Mayoralty of Richard Bullock and of the 12 Governors then being, viz. Edward Ellerker, Esq. (and others named) and afterwards in the time of the Mayoralty of William Farley by him together with Mr. William Prayler, Esquire, Recorder, with all the rest of the aforesaid Governors, John Raffles being chosen in the place of William Fletcher, deceased, for the good and better government of this borough, confirmed, ratified and fully established 20 April 1576, 18 Elizabeth.

Election of Governors.

First it is ordained that the Mayor and Governors or the most part of them every year upon Monday in the morning before the Feast Day of St. Michael tharchangel, by 9 or 10 of the clock, shall and may elect, choose and appoint 3 of the 12 Governors of the same town, whereof one to be such as hath been Mayor not within five years next before, to be and stand in election or like to be Mayor the next year following, and out of this three, the Sunday [following ?], the burgesses of the said town or the more part of them shall and may elect the one of them to be Mayor to govern the next year ensuing as Mayor, and he that is so elected Mayor to go on the left hand of the old Mayor until he be sworn.

Mayor refusing.

(Penalty for refusing, £10. Penalty for refusing to be Governor, £5.)

Five years.

Item, that no person being one year Mayor shall be elected or chosen Mayor again within 5 years following. And no person to be compelled to be Mayor above three times during life time.

Mayor's dinners.

Item, that every Mayor shall make in his Mayoralty to the Governors and others at his discretion two dinners, thone upon the day that he is or shall be sworn Mayor, and the other on the day that the new Mayor his next successor shall be elected, upon pain of £10 for every default.

A face of foynes.

Item, that the Mayor for the time being shall have and wear on his best gown a face or fue called *foynes* and a tippet of velvet, and the same to be worn at especial festival days and times, viz. on the election day, when the Mayor taketh his oath for the execution of his office, on the Fair day called St. John Day in winter, All Saints' Day, Christmas Day, St. Stephen's Day, New Year's Day, Epiphany, Candlemas Day, Easter Day, Rogation Sunday, Rogation Monday, Ascension Day, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Midsummer Day, and other times convenient, at the discretion of the Mayor, for the worship of the town, on pain of £12 for every default. And that every other person that hath been Mayor shall wear his gown and tippet of velvet aforesaid at such days and times as the Mayor shall wear his, having notice thereof given (the Sunday and usual Court Days excepted). And that the Mayor for the time being every holiday and Court day shall wear his tippet.

Minster.

Item, that the Mayor for the time being shall repair and come every Sunday and holyday to hear Divine Service (having no reasonable cause to the contrary), except the Mayor be of S. Mary's Parish, and then he to be only charged to be at the Morning Prayer and service at the Minster. And that every such day two of the Governors, successively in ancienty, upon notice given shall associate the Mayor to the Church from his house, and service being ended to accompany the Mayor out of the churchyard [penalty 12*d.*]. And that the said Governors on the Monday next following shall with the Mayor be at the Monday Court.

Governors refusing to come to the Mayor.

[Penalty for not coming to the Mayor when summoned by an officer: 1st time, 1*s.*; 2nd time, 3*s.* 4*d.*; 3rd time, 40*s.*; and 40*s.* every time afterwards.]

Mayor's diet.

Item, the Mayor for the time being shall have paid him by the town for his allowance and diet £30, and also 200 of Westwod kyddes, paying for the same at the town's price, and the Mayor shall find the head Serjeant at the mace and the common officer always meat and drink, which allowance of £30 was likewise so granted by the consent of all the burgesses at the election day of Richard Bullock to the said Mayoralty and to his successors for ever.

Alehouses.

Item, that the Mayor during the time of his mayoralty shall not resort, use or frequent any alehouse, tippling house, inn or tavern; penalty, first offence 10s., second 20s., every offence after 40s. [Poulson gives the penalty as £10, &c.]

[The rest of these ordinances, which are little more than re-enactments of the existing practice as to accounts, officers and the like, together with further orders made next year, 31 July, 1577, and 31 March the same year, are given at length by Poulson I, 322 *seq.*

I now give some extracts from the Register, showing the general power of regulation vested in the governors, first with regard to the common pastures and other common property of the town; then, to the common plays; and lastly to trades, not only by street, market, and other general regulations, but by rules for individual trades, and therein the guild ordinances.

It is not of course always possible wholly to separate these headings, as they overlap, but as it would be equally confusing to follow either the order in the Register, which is none, or the order of date, as the various regulations are spread over hundreds of years, an attempt at order of subject occurs the best, even if it cannot always be maintained with logical precision.]

I. Common Pastures.

Provisions for the Pastures of Beverley, and first of Fegang.

f. 5 *b. Chartulary.* Of the pastures of Beverley it was was provided as anciently ordered in form underwritten, viz.: That in the pasture of Fegang no bull or bullock ("bovetus") in its third year, nor any beast of burden, should enter to pasture there in any part of the year. Nor shall sheep or pigs or geese enter that pasture, and if any animal be found "wayff" there let it be handed over to the bailiffs of the Lord Archbishop, to whom such waif pertains, so that 12*d.* be paid to the community of the town of Beverley, as was anciently accustomed to be done for herbage. And that all having common in the same contribute for their cattle, and give their portion for making, repairing, and when need shall be for sewering ("assewiandum") the ditches round that pasture. And that none common in the same, except a burgess dwelling in the town equal and partner in lot and scot ("par et parcenarius ad lottam et scottam") and contributing to the affairs of the community. And that no burgess of Beverley having land in an outlying country-township ("in villa forinsica campestri") bring or cause to be brought the cows which he holds in winter there for the sustenance of his family and lands to pasture in the same pasture in summer time, unless they are being fed for his larder for the maintenance of his house in Beverley. And any one doing so for the same to the community [*i.e.* pay a sum not stated].*

* But in the Guild Book it ends "and if any one do so and thereof be convicted let him be punished by the order of the Twelve Keepers of the town according to the amount of his, &c."

That sheep feed in public streets.

And that the sheep of burgesses of Beverley be fed and kept in the public streets and ways in and out ("introitibus et exitibus") round the town as has been anciently and hitherto the custom.

[Of the pasture of Swynmore.*

Bulls and beasts of burden to be fed there, but] no entry to be permitted or used from Sandholme and Stork by the bridge, nor otherwise than by the common and ancient entry at the Stone Cross. [Pigs to enter as they have been accustomed.]

Of the share of butchers' sheep in Swynemore.

1362. *f.* 8, *Guild Book.* Also in 1362 the Keepers of the town with the assent of the community ordered and consented among them to take of each sheep found in Swynmore beyond the due share, viz. 40, the first time 1d.; and if at any time any sheep be found in the same pasture beyond the share aforesaid, that every sheep pay the community every time 4*d.*

1428, St. Mark's Day. By consent of the community to be for ever observed.

[It is, however, cancelled and "adnullatur" written in the margin.]

Order as to beasts in Swynmore.

1399. *f.* 4 *Chartulary.* Also it was ordered in 1399 by Nicholas Rise, William of Rolleston, John Warkyngton, mercer and his fellows, Keepers of the town of Beverley, and also by others their predecessors and the whole community of the same town, that all tenants dwelling in the towns of Stork and Sandholme should have every year fifty beasts only pasturing in the pasture of Swynmore and no more.

Disposition of the money accruing from the common averys for the building of a certain new hall on the Dyngs.

1434. Tuesday 28 May A.D. 1434 in the presence of all the venerable persons of the whole town of B. undernamed assembled in Guildhall, and by the assent and consent of the same and of other their co-burgesses there being present, it was ordered and decreed that the twelve Governors of the town of Beverley for the time being have power during the term of three years next ensuing and fully completed to let the common averys for divers sums of money according to their discretion, and to dispose of the money thereby received for the building of a certain new hall to be made upon the Dynges. And if any burgess of the said town

* This, as its name implies, was properly the swine pasture, but bulls for the larder, and beasts of burden, but not of draught, were allowed there, and 40 sheep.

should presume to attempt anything against the said ordinance during the said term he shall lose the liberty of his burgessship ("burgensiæ") for the term aforesaid. Moreover it was ordered and agreed by the aforesaid venerable persons and by the consent of their counsel there on the said day and year, That if any burgess of Beverley should for the future be found disobedient or rebellious against any order made by the twelve Keepers of the aforesaid town for the benefit and profit of the community aforesaid, and should have refused that order, that then without remedy he should be discharged of his liberty for ever.

[A list is given of those consenting to the above ordinance headed by Roger Rolleston and 57 other persons without any additions to their names, by the Alderman and two stewards of the craft of butchers, by the Alderman and two stewards and four others of the smiths; by the Alderman, two stewards and five tanners; one creler; the Alderman, two stewards and five tailors; the Alderman, one steward and three barbers; the Alderman, two stewards and one skinner; the Alderman, one steward and five shoemakers ("corvesors"); the Alderman, two stewards and six bakers ("baxteyrs"); the Alderman and six brewers ("brasiers"); the Alderman, two stewards and six "wryghtys." See the annuling of this order in the following year, *infra.*]

Orders for Grovall.

1391. *f.* 10 *b.* Also Richard Hamondson and two others came in the Guildhall of St. John of Beverley, 1391, before the 12 keepers of the town, and took of them the soil of the land called Groval Dyke at a rent of 3,000 tiles called Waltyle [*i.e.* bricks] payable at Michaelmas.

Of the animals to pasture there.

The same year Richard son of Nicholas of Thoren wilfully put his beasts on Grovalgrene to pasture there. It was resolved by the Keepers of the town that if thereafter his beasts be found there he pay without remedy 6*s.* 8*d.*; And that for his offence done he serve the community for 2 days.

Of common soil taken there.

1407. 5. July, 1407, John Wright took a certain common soil at Groval between the soil of Thomas Frost and Groval Dyke at a rent of 1*s.* 6*d.* John Bentley took soil of the community there at the rent of two shillings.

1370. Friday, St. Lucy's Day, 1370, Thomas Whyt, tiler, took the tilery of Aldebek from Christmas for 4 years at a rent of 6,000 tiles a year.

Orders of the pasture of Fegang.

As in old register.

Of Trespasses on the Fegang with penalty.

Also AD. 1407, Robert Puttok with others broke the heads of the gutters called clowses in the Fegang and Swynmore and elsewhere and threw mud from them. Therefore he placed himself at the mercy of the Keepers with Thomas Wayte for surety, and laid down 3*s*. 4*d*. because he is poor, and 16*d*. was charitably given back to him, and he was warned not to trespass again under a penalty of 20*s*.

Order of Westwod.

f. 7*b*. Also it is ordered that no bull or sheep enter the pasture of Westwod to feed there, and that none of Southburton have any cattle in the same except demesne pigs which they have by ancient favour and heretofore by grace and permission.

Action between the Prior of Wartre and the Burgesses of Beverley.

1388. Friday next after the Feast of the translation of St. Thomas, 1388, came Thomas Roland, Canon of the Priory of Wartre and Warden of the house of St. Giles in Beverley, because a certain dispute had arisen between the burgesses of the town of Beverley and the Prior of Wartre and the said Thomas his fellow Canon, as to certain loads of thorns yearly every week to be taken from the wood of Westwod for the use of the house of St. Giles by way of charity. And thereupon a day was assigned to the said Prior and Thomas his fellow Canon by consent of John Kelk, Stephen Coppandale, and their fellows sworn to keep the town aforesaid, in the year aforesaid in the hall of the Guild of St. John of Beverley, and meanwhile viz. on Friday aforesaid came the aforesaid Thomas into the hall and asked the said John Kelk, Stephen and their fellows that he might have his loads of thorns for the love of God and the sake of charity, notwithstanding that the said Prior and Thomas his fellow Canon had day to show their charters and muniments by which they claim the loads of the aforesaid thorns until Michaelmas then next, and it was not allowed, nor afterwards did the Prior or the said Thomas come on the day assigned to them.

Licence granted to the Sisters of Kynwaldgraves there.

1399. Also, Friday before the Feast of Ascension, 1399, Alice of Burton, Alice of Ferriby, and Matilda Ryell, co-sisters of Kynwaldgraves, came as well for themselves as for their co-sisters living at Kynwaldgraves, before Richard Ryse, John Bewme, and their fellows, Keepers of the town of Beverley in the year aforesaid, and asked for licence by way of charity to have pasture for one bull, twelve cows and twenty pigs in Westwod this year, and had licence for this year only for the love of God and the sake of charity. And so they ought to ask licence year by year to have cattle there according to the quantity determined by the Keepers.

Licence granted to the Friars Minors there.

1356. Also, Friday before the Feast of St. Nicholas Bishop, A.D. 1356, came Friar John Botiler of the order of Friars Minors of Beverley in behalf of the convent aforesaid before the Keepers of the town aforesaid in the Guildhall, and asked for licence by way of charity to take sand in the forest of Westwod to finish their work, which the Keepers gave for this time only.

Penalty for wandering pigs.

Also it was ordered by the community that no pig be found at large in the roads or streets, and if there be, there shall be paid for it to the community for each time 2*d.* and to the common sergeant ["clienti"] ½*d.* for his trouble if he take any pigs; But sows big ("grossæ") and having litters are exempt, and pigs which are going to pasture under charge of the swineherd.

Inquisition taken for the Averys, 1407.

[*f.* 10 *b.* Evidence taken from representatives of each bailiwick as to the land being common and always "averice."]

Grant of land there.

1445. St. Mark's day, 1445. Grant by Thomas Everyngham and the rest of the Keepers of the town to John Portington, junior, of all the common of the herbage of the community in John Portington's croft called Lady Croft, for ever.

Ordinance for the Common Averys.

1435. That burgesses should not place their animals there before the day appointed.

Friday, 12 August, 1435, it was ordered by Thomas Wylton and others his fellows the twelve Governors of the town of Beverley with the assent of the burgesses, also of the aldermen asd stewards of the crafts of the town aforesaid assembled in the Guild Hall there, That a certain order which was lately made by Thomas Mayne and his fellows late Keepers of the town aforesaid with the consent of the co-burgesses of the town A.D. 1434 as to the letting of the common averys for the terms of three years for building a certain new hall upon the Dyngs, as appears in the common Register, be null and void.

Order for Guild Beasts under Penalty.

Also it was ordered that no burgess of the town of Beverley put any animals in any place or close where the said burgesses ought to have the common averys after hay has been made there before the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the future.

Also it was ordered that the aforesaid burgesses put and keep their "geld bestis" in three crofts only, namely, on the north part of Swynmore Gate to the King's way leading from Spray Cross there to the town of Hulbryg. And that burgesses of the said town who have placed any animals in the common averys before this order be quit of that trespass.

Also it was ordered that none of the said burgesses place more animals in the common averys after the said feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary except as he has, and has been accustomed to have, in the pastures of Fegang and Swynmore.

Order that sheep do not enter the common averys. Also it was ordered that no burgess of the town aforesaid place any sheep in the common averys for the future.

And if any of the said burgesses shall have presumed to attempt anything against these orders or any of them that then he be punished at the discretion of the twelve Keepers or Governors ("custodum sive gubernatorum") of the town aforesaid for the time being so, often as any one of the said co-burgesses shall have been so convicted for the future.

1429, 25 April, *f.* 16 *b.* Also it was ordered and decreed by the assent of the community the day and year abovementioned that if any burgess holding any close or croft in the liberty in which any burgesses of Beverley have or ought to have their common ("commonam"), in English common averis after hay or grass mown, gathered and carried away, and hinders any burgess of the community against right to have his common in this kind, or favour or adhere to the Lord of whom he holds against any burgess in any plea or action henceforth begun for such common, he shall without delay lose the liberty of his burgess-ship.

II.—The Common Plays.

Order to the Tailors ("Cissorum") for the expenses of the Pageant ("Paginæ") and Corpus Christi Play, with penalty.

1377. *f.* 16. Also, A.D. 1377, they agreed in the Guildhall that all tailors of Beverley should be present at the account of the expenses incurred by the pageant of the play of Corpus Christi, and about the castle and feast on Monday in the Rogation Days. And that every sherman who is poor and does not wear the livery of the brethren of this craft be contributory to the expenses of the castle only. And whoever has been rebellious in this shall pay to the use of the pavage 12*d.*

Order of Corpus Christi Play, with penalty.

1390. *f.* 12 *b.* Also it was ordered A.D. 1390 by the whole community that all the craftsmen ("artifices") of the town of Beverley viz., mercers and drapers ("tannatores") masons, skynners, taillours, goldsmyths, smyths, plummers, bollers, tornours, girdelers, cutlers, latoners, brochemakers, horners,

sponers, sadilers, furburs, websters, walkers, coverlid weavers, cartwrightes, coupars, fletchers, bowers, cordwaners, baksters, flesshewers, fysshers, chaundelers, barburs, vynters, sadilers, rapers, hayrers, shipmen, glovers and werkmen, have their plays and pageants ("pagentes") prepared hereafter every day in the Feast of Corpus Christi, in manner and form according to the ancient custom of the town of Beverley, to play in honour of Corpus Christi, under penalty of every craft making default 40s.

Penalty aforesaid by the Smiths by reason of their Play not played on Corpus Christi Day.

1392. *f.* 16. Because Thomas Lorymer, Robert Marshall, John Lorymer, near the Cukstole Pit, John Lorymer of the Smiths' row ("Smetherew") and their fellows, made default on Corpus Christi Day, A.D. 1392, in their play, therefore it is considered by John Kelk, Stephen Coppandale, Richard Aglyon and their fellows, Keepers of the town of Beverley, that they pay to the community of the town 40*s.*, as was anciently ordered by the whole community. Thereupon Friday next after the Feast of St. Swithun Bishop in the year aforesaid came Thomas Lorymer by the Cukstole Pit, John Loksmyth, Thomas Loksmyth, as well for themselves as their fellows, and offered the said twelve Keepers 40*s.* which they had forfeited. And because they acted obediently, therefore the 40*s.* were re-delivered, on the condition that if the aforesaid Thomas and his fellows defaulted in their play of the Ascension of the Lord on any Corpus Christi Day on which the other craftsmen of the town play, that then they shall incontinently pay to the community 40*s.* And to this covenant to be well and truly kept the said Thomas Lorymer and his fellows aforesaid and each of them enter into a bond with the said Keepers and their successors for 100*s.* to be paid within twelve days after they have defaulted in their play aforesaid.

Order of the Play called Paradyse by the Hayrers of the town of Beverley.

1391. *f.* 13. Also, Friday after the Feast of the Translation of St. William A.D. 1391 came John of Erghes, hayrer, in the Guildhall, before the twelve Keepers of the town of Beverley, and undertook for himself and his fellows of the same craft to play a certain play called Paradise sufficiently, viz., every year on the Feast of Corpus Christi when other craftsmen of the same town play, during the life of the said John of Erghes, at his own cost, willing and granting that he will pay to the community of the town for every default in the play aforesaid 10*s.*, Nicholas Fauconer being his surety. And he also undertook to re-deliver to the twelve Keepers of the town for the time being, at the end of his life, all necessaries which he has belonging to the said play under penalty of 20*s.*, viz., one car ("karre"), eight hasps ("hespis"), eighteen staples ("stapils"), two visors ("visers"), two angels' wings ("winges angeli"), one pine pole ("fir sparr"), one serpent ("worme"), two pairs of linen boots, two pairs of shirts, one sword.

Order of Corpus Christi Play to be played for ever.

1411. *f.* 12 *b.* Also, 3rd April 1411, to the praise and honour of God and the Body of Christ, and the peaceful union of the worthier and the lesser commons of the town of Beverley, moderate dealing was held with William Rolleston, merchant, Nicholas of Ryse, Adam Tirwitt, John of Holme, William Wilton, Adam Barker, and other reverend persons of the worthier sort not having liveries yearly like others of the rest of the crafts, and not taking part in plays otherwise, that the said worthies, though they had not before done so, should on Corpus Christi day erect a pageant, and support it at their own cost, and cause a play to be played honourably and fittingly. Whereupon the aforesaid worthies for themselves and others of the worthier sort, so far as in them lay, submitted themselves to the award and judgment of Richard Aglyon, Thomas Coppandale, senior, William Dalton, William Melburn and their fellows, the twelve Keepers of the town of Beverley, which twelve Keepers rendered their judgment in this form: That the aforesaid worthies toward the Feast of Corpus Christi next following the present year should, by means of four of them and under the supervision of the twelve Keepers of the community for the time being, at their own cost and charges cause to be made an honest and honourable pageant, and an honest play to be played in the same, under penalty of 40*s.* to be levied from the same worthies to the use of the community aforesaid.

And further, that the honour of God and the honesty of the town might be the more devoutly and honestly exalted, many aldermen and stewards of the crafts of Beverley, viz. mercers, clothmakers, tanners, weavers, shermen, ... watermen, dyers, fullers, saddlers, bakers, butchers, smiths, skinners, and others, for themselves and their crafts and the whole community as far as in them lay, submitted themselves to the award of the aforesaid twelve Keepers, as well for the erection of castles as for the maintenance of the Corpus Christi Play. Wherefore the aforesaid Keepers gave their award thus: That all and singular of the crafts who were wont to have and erect wooden castles to the honour of God and St. John of Beverley, or in future should have them hereafter for ever, should erect and ornament their castles every year in accustomed fashion under penalty of 6*s.* 8*d.* to be levied from every craft thus making default. And that every year for ever they should play the pageant of the play of Corpus Christi which they were accustomed to play, and which should be assigned to them by the sworn Governors of the town, when they shall receive reasonable notice from the twelve Keepers of the town. And that the aforesaid worthies of the town in form above declared shall yearly for ever cause to be played the play in their pageant under penalty of 40*s.* to be levied as well from the worthier as the lesser members of the community omitting it. And if any particular person, whether of the worthier or the lesser, shall have refused to play or cause to be played, he shall pay to the use of the community 3*s.* 4*d.* and his share of the 40*s.* if such shall have been forfeited in common by any craft or pageant.

Governance for the procession on Corpus Christi Day.

1430. *f.* 12 *b.* A dispute having arisen between the Aldermen and stewards of divers crafts on the carrying of their tapers or torches yearly before this time in the venerable procession of the Feast of Corpus Christi, Therefore by the assent and consent of all the Aldermen and stewards of all the crafts underwritten and of others assembled together in the Guildhall in the time of Thomas Mayne and his fellows, the 12 Keepers or governors of the town, 19 March A.D. 1430 and 9 Henry VI., it was ordered and decreed to be perpetually observed that in every year for the future on Corpus Christi Day the stewards of each craft underwritten shall pass with their lights in the said procession according to the form underwritten in their order, and no other of the same craft with him, under the penalty hereinafter specified; But yearly in the future, with their Alderman, have, hold and govern themselves after the most sacred Body of Christ honestly and honourably at the beginning of the solemn feast aforewritten.

And any of the crafts underwritten found rebellious against this order shall forfeit to the use of the community aforesaid 40*s.* without any pardon.

Next to the clergy ("clerum") of the Gild of Corpus Christi, the Gild of the Blessed Mary, the Gild of St. John of Beverley, Merchants, Cloth Workers, Butchers, Bakers, Carpenters, Smiths, Tailors, Skinners, Tanners, Weavers, Sheremen ("Schermanni"), Fullers, Sailors, Barbers, Glovers ("Serotecarii"), Coopers, Fishers, Tilers, the Gild of St. Elen, the Gild of Pater Noster, the Gild of St. John Baptist, the gild of St. John in May, and the Gild of St. Peter Melon (*sic*).

1436, 25 April. *f.* 19. It was ordered by the assent of the whole community that every Alderman and Steward of any craft or rank should be prepared to play with their pageants on Corpus Christi Day 1437 on pain of forfeiture of 40*s.*

1457. *f.* 13. Memorandum that on Monday, St. Mark's day, 35 Henry VI., the common burgesses of the town of Beverley in their Gild Hall assembled petition the venerable Keepers or governors of the said town to have their plays yearly on Corpus Christi day as they were accustomed to have, and cause them to be played, under the penalty specified above in the order for the play.

1498. *f.* 26. "Allso itt is ordande and statute by the forsayde xij Governors, by assent and consent of the forsayde other two bynks (benches), and allso by assent and consent of all the Aldermen and ther bredyr that be in castell and clothyng (*i.e.* livery), that the forsayde xij for tyme beyng shall go yerly in processyon on Corpus Christi day, or on the morue after, as itt shall happyn, afore all the Aldermen; And evere man of the other two bynks to go with there Alderman of ther occupacyon in thar clothyng belongyng to thar brodyrhed. And yf ther be any broder of any of the forsayde crafts that be founde rebell hereagayne, shall forfett to the commonte xx^{s}. withowte any pardon.

The Order of the processyon on Corpus Christi Day.

In primis the xij Governers.
Item, Alderman of Merchants
,, Drapers
,, Bowchers
,, Baxters
,, Wryghts
,, Smyths
,, Taylors
,, Tylers
,, Shomakers
,, Lyttsters
,, Barkers

Item, Alderman of Wevers
,, Walkers
,, Glovers
,, Bowers
,, Cowpers and Fletchers
,, Wattermen
,, Potters
,, Barbors
,, Cappers and Hatters
,, Sadyllers."

III.—Orders Respecting Trades.

Order of the carriage of porters, with penalty.

1374. Also it is ordained by the Keepers of the town of Beverley in the year of the Lord aforesaid, and to this all the porters who then commonly use that art in Beverley consented, that each of them should take for one horse load to the Minster and Eastgate ½*d.*, and to the Crossbridge ("Crossbig") ¾*d.*, and beyond the Crossbridge to North bar 1*d.*, and to Keldegate ¾*d.*, to Lathegate 1d.

And it was ordained by the said Keepers of the town aforesaid A.D. 1377 that if any of the porters or crelemen should take for his labour in carrying otherwise than as above ordained that he pay each time he offends to the use of the community 40*d.* [*see more below under the head of* Porters.]

Penalty for placing flax ("lini") in the common ditches.

[The word is undoubtedly 'lini,' but it evidently ought to be 'limi,' and it has therefore been so translated.]

Also, 10 July A.D. 1369 divers men and women of Stork and Sandholme came to the Guildhall impeached and convicted of placing filth in the common ditch there. They asked pardon subject to the condition that if hereafter they shall be found offending in the premises they should pay to the community 40*d.*

Also, on the said day and year, many dwellers in the Keldegate and Lathegate present in the Guildhall were impeached and convicted of placing filth in the common ditches, and prayed pardon on the condition aforesaid, paying, &c.

Of the carriage of bread out of the town, with penalty.

f. 5. *b. Chartulary.* Be it remembered that it was found that John H. carried his bread to Hull when the town of Beverley was not oversupplied with bread for sale Therefore it was ordered by the Keepers of the town of Beverley and with the full assent of the aforesaid John that if the said John should send bread for sale to any place outside the town of Beverley if the town of Beverley was not fully supplied ("suffulta et repleta") with bread for sale, then the same John shall without remedy pay to the community 6*s.* 8*d.* for every time that he shall have been found guilty of such an offence.

Order against snarlars (*sic*) and hawkers.

1398, *Gild Book, f.* 15. *Chartulary, f.* 5. It was presented in the Archbishop's Court by the twelve Keepers of the town of Beverley A.D. 1398 that there are several foreign peddlers ("mercenarii") called *snarlers* and *hawkers* wandering through the streets of the town, who often have bought divers chattels and jewels stolen in the town, to the grave loss and deception of the common people: And on this it is ordered by the Court and community of the town that no such peddler, alien or denizen ("alienigena nec indigena") shall thenceforth wander within the liberty for the purpose of selling or buying such goods, but shall have stalls in the Lord's open market at the time of selling their chattels, and not elsewhere, under pain of imprisonment and the loss of 6*s.* 8*d.* as often as any of them shall have been caught.

Order for sale of things saleable at the Beck ("Torrentem"), with penalty.

1405. Likewise 16 January A.D. 1405 it was provided, and on the Feast of St. Mary then next by the whole community decreed, that no burgess or stranger who carries and brings faggots, astilwode, coals, or other like fuel, or salt, to the Beck of Beverley to sell, shall sell to any one any of the goods aforesaid or the like before they be priced by two of the twelve Keepers, under penalty of the loss of 3*s.* 4*d.* to the use of the community as often as they shall have been convicted of the same. And that no burgess or other inhabitant of Beverley shall buy any of the goods aforesaid before they have been priced, under the penalty aforesaid, nor forestall them or buy in gross to resell by way of regrating ("in regratea") before the commons shall have been served, under the penalty above mentioned; Nor buy on the Beck in fraud of the community saying that he buys elsewhere outside the liberty.

Order of the Butchers' Market.

1365. *f.* 11. Also it was ordered, A.D. 1365, by Richard Holme and the other Keepers that no market for sale of meat be held elsewhere in Beverley except in the Butchers' market and Barlyholme, market days only excepted.

Of meat kept and sold out of season.

Also that if any butcher sell or offer for sale meat over seeded (?) ("superseminatas"), or kept unseasonably, or which died of murrain, or carrion, that every time any of them be properly convicted on any of the charges or offences aforesaid he pay without remedy 6*s*. 8*d*.

Of blood or other corrupt matter put in streets.

Also that if any butcher or their servants put scarne (*sic*), blood, or other corrupt matter in the high streets or Walkerbek, or any other places except those assigned by the community, that everyone so offending pay to the community 40*d*.

Of keeping Butchers' dogs.

1377. Also owing to divers quarrels arising from butchers' dogs, ordered A.D. 1377, by the Keepers that if any butcher's dog be found in the road without any keeper, or bite anyone or the pig or dog of any stranger, the owner of the dog so offending pay 40*d*.

Of the sale of meat.

1370, Also it was proclaimed in the Lord Archbishop's Court on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen, 1370, that every butcher sell all dead meat in his own shop, and not send it to another butcher to sell, on pain of forfeiture of 40*d*.

Also that every butcher sell his meat within 4 days of time of killing or on the fourth day salt it, under the penalty aforesaid.

Of the Butchers' and Bakers' Market.

Also that the town butchers stand at one end of the Lord's market to be chosen by them, and that the outside butchers stand at the other end, so that the bakers be between them on market day, and the butchers do not enter together and at the same time.

Order of the Shoemakers' ("Sutorum") Market.

1364. *f*. 11 *b*. Also it was ordered and agreed by the whole community of the town of Beverley and the counsel and bailiff of the Lord Archbishop of York A.D. 1364, that all shoemakers of the town and also strangers of that craft shall henceforth use stalls in the market assigned for that purpose called the Shomarket, as they used anciently to have them there on Market days and Fairs and in no other place in the same town.

Of chains remaining.

1391. Also be it remembered that John Trippok, Thomas Yole and their fellows, Keepers of the town of Beverley, A.D. 1391 Thursday before Pentecost in the year aforesaid, delivered to John

of Holme, Adam Barker, John Carleton and his fellows, Keepers of the town aforesaid first, a chain at the Bek containing 52 links, a chain in Flemyngate having 50 links, a chain at North bar containing 44 links, and two chains lying in the Guildhall, viz., one containing 36 links and the other 26 links.

Of the Shoemakers' Market ("foro").

1364. Also it was ordered A.D. 1364 that no shoemaker dwelling within the town of Beverley sell shoes in the time of fairs or other market days anywhere outside his house, except in the Market Place, where it was ordered anciently as above, under penalty of 6*s*. 8*d*. to be paid to the community for each offence. And all cobblers ("allutarii") consented accordingly that if any of the brethren infringed any order contained in their Domesday Roll, he should incur the penalty aforesaid to be paid in like manner. Also, 1375, it was ordered and agreed by the cobblers of the town of Beverley that none of the Gild of the Cobblers of Beverley be clothed anew in any other clothes except of the suit of his co-brethren on the day in which they assembled in their castle against the coming of Blessed John of Beverley under penalty of 20*d*. to be paid to the light of the aforesaid Gild, and 20*d*. to the community of Beverley.

IV. Gild Ordinances.

Butchers ("Bochers") * (*Latin*).

1365. *Gild Book. f.* 58. Orders and ancient constitutions of the craft of butchers ("artis carnificum") in use ("usitatæ") from A.D. 1365, together with constitutions ordained anew to the praise of God and honour ("honestatem") of the whole craft A.D. 1416, by the consent of the whole craft, and by the licence, permission and will of the 12 Governors of the town of Beverley confirmed ("affirmantur") and granted to be registered, as below described.

(i.) *Inprimis* that every year for ever a solemn mass be sung on Mondays before the beginning of Lent ("diebus lunæ Carniprivii") at the Friars Minor for the souls of the brethren and sisters of the craft aforesaid, at their common cost, and that it be ordered by the Alderman and stewards of the same, as hath been anciently accustomed.

(ii.) And that they have among them an Alderman and two stewards to be chosen yearly from among them on Sunday next after the feast of Corpus Christi to govern the craft aforesaid for a whole year. And whoever shall refuse the office of Alderman when elected shall pay a stone of wax to the use ("opus") of the said craft. In like wise whoever shall refuse the office of Steward shall pay half a stone of wax, without any pardon.

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* An English version made in 1510 which follows on *f.* 44 *b.* of the same book is here appended to this abstract, at p. 76, to show the variations.

(iii.) Moreover they shall have amongst them as many meetings ("congregationes") a year as shall be necessary or useful for the good and honour of the craft, at the discretion and order of the Alderman and stewards. And everyone summoned to any meeting the night before and not coming shall pay 1lb. of wax, unless he can reasonably excuse himself to the Alderman and stewards. And if he shall go into the country ("patriam") without leave obtained from the officers ("officiariis") he shall pay to the use of the craft 2lb. wax. And if he have leave to go into the country to a certain place and shall fraudulently go to another place he shall pay 2lb. of wax without delay, as they used to do from old time.

(iv.) And anyone who shall dishonourably abuse ("reprobaverit inhoneste") his Alderman elected as aforesaid in his office shall pay to the use of the *community* [this word is inserted in a different hand] and the craft 40*d.* without remedy or pardon. And anyone who shall abuse his steward 20*d.* in form aforesaid; to be levied by distress as anciently accustomed.

(v.) It is also decreed and determined ("statutum et ordinatum") that if any discord, quarrel, insult ("contumelia") or dissension shall have arisen between the brethren of the craft, then he who shall have expressed or felt himself aggrieved shall declare his loss or grievance with evidence ("evidenter") to the Alderman and stand to his governance in law ("recto") before he complain elsewhere. And if he shall have held himself otherwise, he shall pay to the use of the community and crafts 3*s.* 4*d.*, as was from old times decreed and hitherto finally agreed.

(vi.) In the beginning moreover of any brother of the craft newly entering, he so entering shall pay his entrance fee [viz. 20*d.* in hand, and for the rest shall make a tally and seal it, and have a day (for payment) at the free will of the Alderman, as has been ordered from of old]. (The part in brackets is cancelled, and instead is written, "yearly to the community and his craft, until he shall be a Burgess, 2*s.*")

(vii.) And everyone of the craft aforesaid who has been clothed in the livery ("secta") of the brethren for Rogation days, and has given away, sold or alienated his livery ("liberatam"), within 2 years, shall pay to the use of the craft aforesaid 12*d.* And he shall use his clothing ("vestura") at the principal feasts during his first year, and not on others, as was anciently decreed.

(viii.) 1416. And now at Easter, 1416, John Spenser, Alderman, it is unanimously ordered and decreed that no one of the said craft shall kill any meat for sale on any Sunday between Easter and S. Peter ad Vincula (1 Aug.) in any year for the future, unless some chief Lord of the King shall have come suddenly to the town and want victuals; on pain of 40*d.* to the maintenance of the burdens of the craft and 20*d.* to the use of the community of the town of Beverley, as often as he shall be convicted. And that none of the same craft shall sell or

cause to be sold flesh for sale in the open windows of their shops, nor allow the same windows to be or to stand open for sale from the ninth hour of the clock striking to the 12th striking, on any Sunday between the feasts aforesaid on pain of the aforesaid penalty. It is lawful for them however between the feasts of St. Peter ad Vincula and S. Michael every year to kill and sell meat and make their profit as well on Sundays as other days, as they have anciently been accustomed to do. And between the feast of S. Michael and Carniprivium they shall shut and keep shut their shop windows without selling flesh in them on Sundays from 10th to 12th hour under the penalty aforesaid. Nor shall they kill meat on Sundays in the meantime on the pain aforesaid.

(ix.) Moreover it was ordered and decreed in time of William Sleforth, Robert Toffts, John Wellis, Richard Dawson, Stephen Gildehouse, John Clark, John Barton, and their fellows the 12 Keepers or Governors of the community of the town of Beverley, on the petition of John Wod, Alderman of the craft of Butchers of the town aforesaid, Richard Kittson and Richard Shirburn, stewards of the same craft, and the greater and wiser part of the craft aforesaid, that every brother summoned on the night before by the power of the Alderman to come to any meeting for the good of the said craft in any fit place to be fixed by the said Alderman and at a time to be named, who does not come, shall forfeit to the said craft each time 6*d.* or 1 lb. of wax at the choice of the Alderman of the said craft for the time being, unless he have a reasonable excuse known to and approved by the said craft.

(x.) Also, that every brother of the craft aforesaid who buys any flesh living or dead of any foreigner, coming to market, or being in the market, shall forfeit 6*s.* 8*d.* so often as it shall be proved, viz., half to the Guild Hall of Beverley and the other half to the craft aforesaid equally, to be paid without delay.

(xi.) Also, that every brother of the craft aforesaid who unlawfully and dishonourably abuses or blames any brother of the craft by any words through which the said brother incurs loss or grievance, or by any other words tending to the dishonour ("in sonum dishonestacionis") of his said brother, or shall commit an assault on his said brother ("affraiam fecerit") or shall unlawfully and dishonourably quarrel with the same, if this shall be lawfully proved by the greater and wiser part of the craft aforesaid, shall forfeit to the Guild Hall and craft aforesaid for each offence 6*s.* 8*d.* to be paid in equal portions, without any pardon.

(xii.) Also, that every brother of the craft aforesaid who keeps shop, as a master, in the town of Beverley aforesaid and is able to be a burgess and will not be a burgess, if the same brother is able to be a burgess according to the discretion of the 12 Keepers of the town aforesaid for the time being, shall pay yearly to the use of the community aforesaid for the common expenses of the craft aforesaid 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be equally divided, etc.

And if the same brother, according to the discretion of the 12 Keepers of the town aforesaid for the time being, is not found to be able to be a burgess, that then he shall pay yearly to the common expenses of the craft aforesaid 12*d.*, until he is made a burgess.

(xiii.) Moreover it is ordered by the 12 Keepers or governors of the community aforesaid, with the consent and assent of the said Alderman and stewards, that whenever the Alderman or his successors, Aldermen of the said craft, punish or correct a brother for any transgression whence a penalty arises, that then the Alderman shall at once present the default to the said community in the Guild Hall aforesaid without concealment; or if not, shall forfeit to the said community every time 3*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid without delay.

(xiv.) And moreover it is ordered that every butcher aforesaid who is grithman (sanctuary man), and is not able to be a burgess, though willing to be, shall pay yearly as long as he follows ("occupaverit") the same craft for the common expenses of the craft aforesaid to the Alderman, 12*d.*, to be paid without delay.

(xv.) 1469. It was ordered and decreed by John Pierson (etc.) A.D. 1469, on the petition of John Danby, bocher, Alderman of the craft of butchers at Beverley, all the brethren consenting to it, that in the beginning of any brother of the craft aforesaid entering the same craft and newly following it, that he so entering the said craft shall pay to the hands of the Alderman in whose time he entered the said craft, 3*s.* 4*d.*, and 1lb. of wax for the maintenance of the light of the said craft.

(xvi.) And that every servant of the said craft, *Anglice*, a Journeyman, shall pay yearly to the hands of the Alderman of the said craft for the time being towards Rogation Monday, 3*d.*, or his master shall pay it out of his wages.

(xvii.) 1490. It is moreover ordered and decreed 19 November, 1490, by Adam Newcombe, etc., on the petition of Thomas Bowmer, Alderman, etc. of the craft aforesaid, that the searchers of the said craft shall search all foreign butchers coming to market with any flesh to sell: and if the said searchers shall find any flesh tainted, or carrion, they shall present the said flesh before the 12 Keepers for the time being, and the said searchers shall have for every defect so found and reported to the said 12 Keepers 4*d.* paid by the said delinquent who makes the transgression.

(xviii.) 1497. Moreover it is ordered by Thomas Frost [*etc.*] on the petition and supplication of John Wattkyn, Alderman of the said craft of Butchers, John Hayles and George Bewshyr stewards, and by the consent and assent of the greater and wiser part of the said craft, that whatever brother of the said craft fraudulently without showing the same to his Alderman or brethren goes or shall go out of the town and country to the

deception of the people of the lord King shall be expelled and for ever disburthened of the said brotherhood and clothing; and if the said brother return to the said town to dwell he shall never be received for a brother of the said craft nor in clothing, but only as a contributory.

(xix.) 1494. *f.* 60 *b.* It was also ordered and decreed, A.D. 1494, by John Seglystorne [*etc.*], by the consent and assent of John Steynson, Alderman, Edward Settryngton and Edward Hogg, stewards, and all their brethren, that the said Butchers shall hold their election of Alderman on Sunday next after Corpus Christi Day, as has been anciently accustomed. And this election shall be kept of five of their brethren who have been and the one who is Alderman, till one of them shall be discharged by the hand of God, as in the form underwritten, viz.—

The Alderman who has served for the year shall put on election two of the senior five brethren aforesaid, and from them the said brethren shall elect one to be Alderman for the year following; and so yearly continuing till one of the said five brethren dies or is discharged ("disoneratur,") and then they shall keep the election of the number four; and when one of those aforesaid four brethren dies or is discharged, then the brethren aforesaid shall elect among themselves another discreet man and able, who has been a searcher of the craft, and no one else, on pain of forfeiture to the community and craft aforesaid of 13*s.* 4*d.*, to be equally divided between them. And any of the brethren who now are or shall be found rebellious to this order, and will not keep it, shall forfeit to the community of the town of Beverley 40*s.* without any pardon, so often as he shall be found guilty thereof.

(xx.) 1501. *f.* 60 *b.* (*English.*) It is ordained and statute in the year of our Lord God 1501 by Roger Hethe [*etc.*], that every butcher shall be at his liberty to buy stuff where and of whom he will, and to kill stuff mickle or little according as he shall think for his most profit, without any stint, and whosoever be founden contrarious and gainstanding to this ordinance he shall forfeit to the commonalty of Beverley 20*s.* without any pardon, &c.

[*The later English version follows.*]

BOCHEORS.

f. 44. [From 1365.] Ordynaunces and olde customes of the facultie of Bocheours within the Towne of Beverley from the yere of our Lord 1365, used to the praise [*louange*] of Almyghtie Gode and honestie of the said facultie unto nowe (1510), and by consent of the same facultie and license and gudwill of the xii Governors of Beverley aforesaid, to be affirmed and regestred for ever.

(i.) First, that the Alderman and his stewards of the said craft yearly for ever, shall cause a mass (" messe ") to be songen at one of the places of the Friars within Beverley aforesaid, at the pleasure of the Alderman of the said craft, upon Monday next after Corpus Christi Day, for all the souls of brether and sisters of the said faculty at their own common expenses.

(ii.) Also, it is ordered by the said Governors that the said Butchers shall take four of the most ancient men of the said craft to elect their Alderman yearly, the Sunday next after the feast of Corpus Christi, to govern the said faculty by one whole year, and he so elect refusing the office shall forfeit unto the said Governor and faculty 6*s*. 8*d*. equally to be divided, without any pardon.

(iii.) Also, the said Brether shall assign four of the same sort [to] be of election [of] stewards, of whom two shall be chosen stewards by the said brether. And they so elect refusing their office shall forfeit 3*s*. 4*d*. in form aforesaid, to be divided, without any pardon.

(iv.) Also, in like manner as the said Alderman is elect, the Searchers of the said faculty shall be elect, and they so elect refusing their office shall forfeit 6*s*. 8*d*., in form aforesaid, to be divided.

(v.) Also, it is statute and ordained by the said Governors and brether of the said faculty, except the two persons afore except, [that] the Alderman of the said occupation shall have rule and correction as well of the contributors and journeymen of the same craft within the said town as of brether of the same, and that they shall be obedient to the said Alderman in all lawful commandments, [and if they shall be disobedient] when soever they shall be summoned by the stewards of the same faculty or by any Bedill by them assigned, their office doing, in any lawful commandment [ap]proved lawful of the said Alderman and four of his brether, shall forfeit to the said Governors and faculty 6*s*. 8*d*. equally to be divided as ofttimes as any of them shall be found defective.

(vi.) Also, it is ordered by the said Governors that the Searchers of the said faculty shall search all foreign (" forencez ") and within the said town Butchers, bringing to the market within the said town any manner of flesh to sell; the which by the said Searchers found foul and not able, they to present the said flesh to the foresaid Governors, and the said Searchers shall have for every fault so found and showed upon the trespass 4*d*.; and if there be any person of the said craft within the said town, or without, that will not obey the Searchers of the same, doing their office, they so disobeying the said Searchers shall forfeit 3*s*. 4*d*. in form aforesaid, to be divided, without any pardon.

(vii.) Also, it is ordered that every Butcher being a foreigner, coming over four market days with any manner of flesh to sell within the said market, shall pay to the said faculty yearly 4*d*.

(viii.) And it is ordained by the said Governors that he the which slew ("slooe") any manner of flesh to sell from the Saturday at even to Monday at 9 shall forfeit 2*s*. to the said Governor and Alderman, equally to be divided, fair-time except and the coming of a great man.

(ix.) Also, it is ordained by the said Governor that if any of the said brether buy any manner of cattle of flesh of any foreigner coming to the said market of the market day he shall forfeit 3*s*. 4*d*. to the said Governors and Alderman, equally to be divided.

(x.) Also, it is ordained by the said Governors that every Governor [brother?] coming new unto the said craft at his entry shall pay to the Alderman 3*s*., and every Sanctuary man at his entry 12*d*. and so yearly after, 12*d*., And every apprentice at his entry 2*s*., And every journeyman to pay unto the said Alderman yearly upon Cross Monday in the castle [*i.e.* the wooden castle erected by the craft that day, from which to view the procession] 6*d*. And every contributor shall pay yearly to the said Alderman 2*s*.

(xi.) Also, it is ordained [*etc.*] that if any brother of the said craft be summoned over night by commandment of his Alderman to come to any congregation or "geddering" for the weal of the said craft, at the hour and place to him assigned by the said Alderman or his stewards, and come not, he shall forfeit to the said craft every time so failing 6*d*.

(xii.) Also [*etc.*] that any brother of the said faculty, the which goes out of the said town and country without knowledge making to the Alderman and brethren of the same faculty, in deception of the King's people, shall be discharged for ever of the brotherhood and clothing, and never after to be taken but as a contributor.

(xiii.) Also, it is statute that if there be any person of the said craft that by the Alderman of the same and his brether be found able to be Burgess, and will not be so presented able to the said Governors, he shall forfeit yearly, unto the time he make him Burgess, to the said Governors and Alderman 4*s*. equally to be divided, for his contribution.

(xiv.) Also it is ordained and decreed in the year of our Lord 1510, by Stephan Gaits [*etc.*] Governors [*etc.*], that the Butchers of the same shall kill no manner of beast without the shops, nor hang no beast to sell without the same having the skin upon him, upon the pain of 3*s*. 4*d*. Nor the said butchers shall wash the offal of their beasts in Walkerbeck within the said town, except they be "temed" nor cast any manner of offal as blood, horns, bones, guts, in the street upon a like pain. And the said butchers shall kill no bull unbaited, nor cast at the Bars belonging to the said town blood unburied, upon a like pain. And all the foresaid penalties to be forfeit to the said Governors and Alderman for the time being, equally to be divided.

(xv.) Also, it is ordained by the said Governors [that] if there be any butcher, within the said town or without, that kills any pork from May Day to Michaelmas in any year hereafter ensuing, and brings the same to the market to sell, he shall forfeit 2*s.*, in form aforesaid to be divided.

[*This is crossed out.*]

f. 44. 1554. (xvi.) Also it is statute and ordained in the year of our Lord God 1554, by Launcelot Alford, esquyer [*etc.*], Governors, at the instance and desire of the Alderman of the Butchers and his brethren of the same occupation, that every man of the said occupation shall be obedient to all the lawful commandments of the Alderman by the stewards for the time being, upon pain of forfeiture of 6*s.* 8*d.* for every default.

(xvii.) Also [*etc.*] that if any man of the said craft do rebuke the Alderman with opprobrious and unseeming words in doing his office lawfullly, he shall forfeit for every time 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be divided [*ut supra*].

(xviii.) And it is likewise ordained that if any man of the said craft do rebuke the stewards or searchers in doing their offices lawfully [he] shall forfeit 3*s.* 6*d.* [&c.]

(xix.) Also, it is ordained by the said Governors that the searchers any day in the week shall search for corrupt victual in any shop within the town, and who that interrupts or lets the said searchers so doing shall forfeit for every time 3*s.* 4*d.* [*etc.*]

(xx.) Also [*etc.*] that if any of the said craft do ride forth on the Sunday to buy any victual except it be on common fair day, he shall forfeit for every time 6*s.* 8*d.* [&c.]

(xxi.) Also [*etc.*] that if any of the said company do not spar in their windows every Sunday at nine ("neen") of the clock afore noon he shall forfeit for every time 3*s.* 4*d.* [&c.]

Merchant Gild.

Ordinationes Gildæ Mercatoriæ Beverlaei.

(*Abstract translated.*)

f. 72 *b.* 1446, 18 May. The ordinances and statutes ("constitutiones") of the brotherhood of the Merchant Gild ("Gilda Mercatoria") of Beverley were exhibited in the Gild Hall of Beverley, and diligently inspected by Edmund Portyngton, Nicholas Brompton, Thomas Wayte, littester, Master William Hardyng, John Skipwith, Robert Jakson, William Trentham, William Penycoke, Richard Halytreholm, John Newton, and their fellows, Governors [*etc.*] 15 May, 1446, and because they found in them certain difficulties to their consciences or reason they ordered the underwritten ordinances to be registered and observed for ever in the following form, at the petition of Roger Cokirham, Alderman, Richard Coryn and John Middilton,

stewards, of the brotherhood of the Gild aforesaid, also with the assent and consent of William Spencer, Thomas Skipwith, Thomas Whyte, Walter Barbone, Richard Pattyngton, John Bawm, John Conlon, Edward Brakynburgh and their fellows, brethren of the Gild aforesaid :—

Inprimis : Every one newly setting up shop as a master in the craft ("arte") or faculty of Merchants, Mercers and Drapers ("Pannariorum") known as an apprentice of the craft, shall pay yearly to the common expenses of castle, light and other charges ("onerum") 3*s.* 4*d.* until he shall be of the livery or clothing of the Gild. If he has not been an apprentice and is not a brother he is to pay 5*s.* Penalty for non-observance, 6*s.* 8*d.* to the community and 6*s.* 8d. for the expenses of light, castle and pageants ("pagendarum") of the craft, to be levied by distress by the Stewards of the craft, or if refused to them, by the Common Serjeant.

1492. 4 April. The same formula is entered as to constitutions of the Gild of "Merchaunts, Mercers and Drapers." Every draper belonging to the brotherhood and livery of the said Gild may fit, sew, and make gaiters ("caligas") in his shop and have a boy or apprentice to keep his shop, without contributing to the Shearmens' Gild : but if he make any other articles of clothing except gaiters he must contribute to that Gild.

Any one living in Beverley who frequents Fairs and Markets to buy clothes to resell and retail in Beverley to pay contribution to the Gild as abovesaid.

f. 82 *b.* 1494. (*Latin.*) Ordinances and institutions of the Brotherhood of the Merchants and Mercers of the town of Beverley newly made by Adam Newcombe [*etc.*], Governors, 22 May 1494 on the petition of John Seglystorne, Alderman of the Gild, and with consent of Robert Whyte and ten others (*named*), brethren.

The brethren shall find a light from old time founded and accustomed ("usitatum") in honour of the Holy Trinity in the charnel ("carmelo," a mistake for "carnello") in the chapel of B.V.M. They also made ordinances for the good governance of the same, and the maintenance of the honour of the castle of Merchants and Mercers, yearly set up in honour of God and the glorious confessor St. John of Beverley.

Any one absent from the election of Alderman on Sunday after Ascension Day, or at any Prime Gild ("gildam primam") or any meeting duly summoned, to pay 1 lb. of wax.

Any brother or sister dying in Beverley can have the light and decoration of it ("lucem et decus ejusdam") on payment of 1 lb. of wax.

And any one dying a pauper to be buried at expense of the Gild.

Every one elected justly for the honour and good governance of the craft and castle, and not in mere derision, elected Alderman and refusing to serve, to pay 6*s*..8*d*. to use of community, light and castle.

Every brother newly liveried in honour of St. John of Beverley to keep his livery 3 years, using it on Feast Days, and if he alienate it before that time to pay 2*s*. to the community, and 2*s*. to the light and castle.

Every brother outside the castle on Monday in Rogation Week after prime, or the same day or afternoon not riding with the brethren, if in health and able to ride, shall pay 3*s*. 4*d*.

Every brother to have a new livery when the rest do, if able; and any one refusing, through pride or envy, to be liveried, to pay 3*s*. 4*d*. to Gild Hall, and 3*s*. 4*d*. to the castle.

Any one absent from the Prime Gild, or disputing the election of Alderman or Stewards after the majority have decided, to pay 20*d*. to the Gild Hall and 20*d*. to light and castle.

Penalties for quarrelling, slander, &c.

If Alderman and Stewards or the Brethren make new Ordinances without consent of the Keepers of the town they shall pay 6*s*. 8*d*., half to town, and half to light and castle.

Election of two Searchers ("supervisores vocati Seyrcheours") to be elected to test all measures of weight and ells.

Accounts to be rendered yearly on Sunday after Translation of S. Thomas the Martyr. Any brother absent to pay 1*s*. "to the ornament of the light and maintenance of the castle."

Every newly elected brother to humbly give security of his faith to the Alderman to obey the statutes of the Gild. Entrance fee 6*s*. 8*d*.

Every merchant or mercer being a brother but not a burgess to pay 4*s*. 8*d*. yearly; and if a burgess but not a brother 2*s*. 4*d*.

f. 83. 1502. *English*. Ordained by Roger Kelk, Robert Whyte, &c. Governors, at the petition of Robert Whyte, Alderman of the Marchands and his "breder" (13 *named*), that the Alderman for the year shall pay the Trinity Priest, for the year that he occupieth, 2*s*., those on the election with him 1*s*. 6*d*., and every brother beside 8*d*.

Agreed and ordained by assent and consent of the Alderman and his brethren that they and their wives shall have at the Alderman's house an honest dinner upon the account day, every brother and his wife to pay 6*d*. and no further to be charged.

After the election made all the brethren to go home with their Alderman and drink with him at his house, and he that comes not shall pay 1*lb*. of wax.

f. 83 *b.* 1503. 19 Dec. (*English.*) Ordained and statuted by Thomas Pierson [*etc.*] at the petition of John Cok, Alderman of the confraternity of Marchiands and Mercers, and of all his brethren, that if there be any man within the town that occupies buying or selling of merchandize in a year 5 marks or above, he shall pay whole contribution, 2*s.* 8*d.*, without any assessment ("sessyng"); under 5 marks to be presented to the 12 Governors to be assessed.

Ordinance for the Brotherhoode of Merchaunts or Mercers in Beverley in the countie of York, 1582.

f. 51. 1582. (*English.*) In the honour of Almightie God and for the worship of this town of Beverley, the common wealth of the said town, and the laudable order and good governance of the Brotherhood and Company of Merchaunts or Mercers, these orders and constitutions and ordinances following as well of ancient time used, ordained and founded by the assent and consent and supplication of the company of Merchants and Mercers within this said town of Beverley, and granted by the Twelve Governors of the said town A.D. 1210, As now renewed, augmented and amplified, made and agreed upon by the Mayor and Governors of the said town of Beverley in the time of Richard Garbray, now Warden of the said company of Marchaunts or Mercers aforesaid, for ever hereafter inviolably to be kept and observed among the brethren of the said Brotherhood and Company, the contributors of the same, and others exercising and using the said trade or any part thereof within the said town of Beverley; That is to say by the Right Worshipful Robert Ingleton, now Mayor of the said town of Beverley, Edward Ellerker, Esq., Richard Bullocke, [*and nine others named*] the Governors and Council of the said town at the instance, supplication and request of the said Richard Garbray, Warden of the said Company and Brotherhood and one of the Governors and Council of the said town with his stewards, Richard Booth and Richard Wright; Together with the assent, motion and consent of Raulph Knaggs [*and ten others named*] and others the brethren of the said Company and Brotherhood, the —(*sic*) of September A.D. 1582, in the 24th year of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth &c.

1. . . . . according as in time past without memory of man hath been used, there shall be one fraternity . . . . . as there hath been and is of other brotherhoods within this town . . . . .

Upon the Sunday next after Trinity [*instead of* Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr] they shall elect one Warden [*instead of* Alderman], two Stewards and 2 Searchers [*as before*].

Penalty for refusing to serve as Warden 40*s.*, as Steward 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be divided between the Governors and the Company.

2. Searchers to be "substantial, honest and credible men of the said science," to search weights and measures of all "using, practising and exercising the said trade or misterye of merchaunts or mercers or any part thereof."

3. Penalty for disobedience to Warden, 6*s*. 8*d*.

4. —for rebuking the Steward, 3*s*. 4*d*.

5. —for rebuking of one brother by another, 3*s*. 4*d*.

6. —for rebuking the Searchers, 6*s*. 8*d*.

7. Discord between one brother and another.

In any case but treason, murder or felony, complaint to be first laid before the Warden, who shall refer it to arbitration of Warden and four brethren. Penalty for not abiding by arbitration 6*s*. 8*d*., but with appeal to Mayor and Governors.

8. Absence from the election of Warden; penalty 3*s*. 4*d*.

9. For making Prime Gilds.

Warden at his discretion to "appoint an Assembly or meeting, one or more, of the said Occupation, called a Prime Gild or Guilds, at any time or times when he shall think most fit."

Penalty for non-attendance 6*d*. to the Company.

Penalty for absence from marriage or burial of any Brother or Sister 2*s*. 6*d*., divided as before.

10. For Brother dying in poverty.

A Brother or Sister in such case to be buried at the Company's expense.

11. The payment of a Brother at his marriage to the Occupation 2*s*., and at his or their burial 2*s*. 6d.

12. Upsets.

Every one "setting up or occupying the trade, viz., in buying, selling and retailing of wares and merchandize of what kind soever they be, to the value of £10," to come to the Warden and bind himself to observe the ordinances, and pay 10*s*. to be divided between Town and Occupation. Contribution of a stranger "not able to be a burgess" 6*s*. a year, and to be admitted to brotherhood paying 10*s*. entrance-fee.

But any native or other who has served a full term of apprenticeship with a freeman, according to the Statute of Apprentices, setting up as a master, to pay 10*s*. only, and if he become a contributor without becoming a brother, to pay 4*s*. a year only and for brotherhood 6*d*. [?] only.

13. The contribution of him which is in brotherhood with any other.

Any one, whether a brother of another trade or not, exercising any part of the science of a Mercer to the value of 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. a year, to pay as contribution 5*s*. a year.

14. Apprentices. Apprentices to be for not less than 7 years according to the Statute; and on entrance to pay 2*s*. 6*d*. to the Occupation.

15. Enstruction (*sic*) of persons.

No one not a brother and burgess to take an apprentice on penalty of 10*s*.

16. Smiths: Buying and selling iron not altered or wrought by them "according to their science" to pay a yearly contribution of 6*s*. 8*d*.

17. Contributor shall be brother if he be able. Penalty 10*s*.

[*The numbering and headings cease here in the original.*]

18. Livery:

The Warden and six of the ancientest brethren chosen by the Company to "appoint and ordain clothing and decent apparel for all the brethren . . . as in time past . . . of like suit . . . to be made ready on this side Cross Monday next."

Penalty for not providing "clothing and vesture" or for selling or conveying the same away, expulsion.

Penalty for not attending Prime Gilds in livery, 1*s*.

19. Absence from Company from malice, 20*s*.

20. Warden's Dinner

To be given to all the brethren and their wives on the Audit Day; "viz., second Sunday next after the Feast day of St. Thomas immediately following the Feast day of St. Peter the Apostle," [this description is owing to the disappearance of the "traitor Saint" Thomas, *i.e.* Becket, from the reformed Calendar] on penalty of 40*s*. to the Company.

Brethren to pay for the dinner 6*d*. for self and wife, whether present or not.

21. Account Day, as above, to be held at the "Common Hall or Hanshouse of Beverley" or some other honest place.

Warden to pay up, or give security for, all moneys belonging to the Company, so that nothing remain to be collected by the new officers, under penalty of £3 6*s*. 8*d*.

22. Back-biting and slander of brethren.

Penalty 3*s*. 4*d*. and compensation to the aggrieved party.

23. Renewing quarrel after settlement, 3*s*. 4*d*.

24. Disobedience in matters affecting the Company and its officers, in refusal to pay fines, 3*s*. 4*d*. besides penalties above stated.

25. New Warden to find two sureties, brethren, to render true account for his term of office. Penalty (*sic*),—

The form of the Oath to be ministered at the receipt of every new brother.

This swear I, A.B., that I shall from henceforth during the time that I shall inhabit and remain within this said town of Beverley be obedient to the Warden of my Company and Occupation, and obey and perform all the commandments of him concerning the honesty, wealth and commodity of the same ; And will not by any means to my power or ability withstand, interrupt, break or disannul any the ordinances, rules and grants or any of them in this present original contained, being granted or which shall be granted and confirmed by the Worshipful Mr. Mayor and his brethren, the Governors of this town of Beverley for the time being.

And shall not be obstinate but always willing to my power and abilities, when I shall be commanded by my said Warden for the time being, to aid and support my said Warden against such person or persons, being in brotherhood in this Occupation, or in brotherhood with any other Occupation in this town, and using this trade or any part thereof, as shall refuse, rebel, disobey, or neglect the ordinances and grants aforesaid, now made or which hereafter shall be made and granted for the causes aforesaid. So help me God and by the contents of this Book.

God save the Queen.

Bakers.

Ordinance of Bakers as to loss of burgess-ship.

f. 13*b*. 1364. It was ordered by the Community that if any of the Bakers thenceforth be a delinquent ("delinquat") to this Community or against the usages ("usus") and liberties of Beverley that without remedy he lose his liberty or burgess-ship.

1366. John Maxay, John of Gillyng, John Harold, William of Stafford, Thomas of Kexby, bakers of the town of Beverley, allow for themselves and their whole craft ("artificio") before the Keepers of the town that if any of them thenceforward be found rebel and disobedient or contrary to the majority of the craft in that which is ordered by the community of the craft for the common advantage of the craft, he who is found blameable in the premises, shall, without remedy, pay to the Community of the Town 3*s*. 4*d*.

Of the hire of mills.

And it was ordered by the whole community that no baker hire a mill for any term, under penalty of 40*s*. to be paid to the community, as often as he be found blameable.

Of buying corn in the market.

1401. It was ordered by the Keepers that no baker enter the Cornmarket before prime ("horam primam") to buy any grain, under penalty of 6*s*. to be paid, &c.

Of rebellion against the Alderman.

1413. It is considered by petition of a bill of the Bakers and complaint of William Symonds, Alderman of the Bakers [*and five other bakers named*] and others of the same craft, that, whereas it was ordered that whosoever should be found disobedient or rebellious to the Alderman, searcher and brethren in things concerning the honour of the craft and government of the community should lose 3*s*. 4*d*. to the use of the community and 3*s*. 4*d*. to the use of the castle of the craft; which penalty Richard Ayre, baker, lost and is adjudged to pay, because he is in arrear for 3*s*. 4*d*. out of 6*s*. 8*d*. for his entrance fee; therefore according to the ordinance of the whole craft, he is adjudged to pay the 3*s*. 4*d*. with the penalty aforesaid.

Payments of Journeymen.

The bakers asked in the petition aforesaid that bakers' servants should contribute to half the costs on Rogation days and Corpus Christi day; but that they should not be charged for the new fabric of their castle or pageant; which petition is postponed until the 12 Keepers have better deliberated on it.

Bakers' penalty.

1418, 10 Sept. John Bell and eight others [*named*], bakers, present, each separately swore that he will not enter Beverley market to buy wheat there on any Saturday in the future, nor will they buy wheat coming on Saturdays to market, nor will take or house ("hospitabit") wheat on Saturday in their houses; and this on penalty to the community of 6*s*. 8*d*. &c.

Bakers' ordinance.

1413. Considered on the petition and complaint of William Tynmouthe, Alderman of the Bakers [*and five others named*] and others of the craft—[Enactment of penalty of 3*s*. 4*d*. for being rebellious to the Alderman.]

[It is rather strange after all these ordinances and references to the Craft as a quasi-corporation, and its castle, to find in the year 1428 the following Ordinances of the Bakers, beginning as if the Brotherhood was then first founded.]

f. 68. 1428. (*Latin*.) "Inprimis, it is ordained and decreed, and by the assent and consent of the 12 Keepers confirmed, that there be of the same Bakers one co-Brotherhood to maintain a certain wooden castle to be erected on Rogation Mondays next the castle of the Fullers, when the venerable procession with the shrine of the most holy Confessor of Christ is carried to the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Alderman and Stewards of the craft aforesaid shall yearly erect the said castle and honourably cover the same, under the penalty specified in the common Register of the town of the erection of castles."

All the brethren to be clothed in one suit, new every second year, at prime for the coming of the procession, and to ride after it in the afternoon.

A meeting to be held on Sunday after Corpus Christi day for election of an Alderman and one steward.

"And it is ordained that the aforesaid Bakers and their successors shall for ever find and maintain yearly on the day of the procession of Corpus Christi two torches of wax burning and to be borne before the most holy Body of Christ, under penalty of 6*s*. 8*d*."

Then follow the common-form ordinances about disobedience and quarrelling.

"Moreover it is ordered that the brethren aforesaid shall play or cause to be played the pageant of Maundy as often as it shall be ordered to be played by the Governors of the town, under the penalty specified in the common register.

Moreover it is ordained &c. that every craftsman of the same craft who shall occupy with a master, called Journeyman, who takes for his wages in a year 30*s*. shall pay to the maintenance of castle and pageant 3*d*. And every servant called journeyman who takes beyond that sum, 4*d*.

f. 74. Also it is granted that the said Searchers for the future shall faithfully present all loaves for sale of whatever kind found by them within the common inns called Common Ostryes before the Governors without any concealment.

And that the common bakers of the loaves aforesaid dwelling and living in the town aforesaid be brethren in the brotherhood of the craft aforesaid, or contribute 3*s*. 4*d*. to its expenses on Rogation Monday."

Any rebellious to the Searcher in his office to pay 13*s*. 4*d*.

Further it is ordained and granted for ever that any common baker not a brother or contributory may be charged by the Searchers to be such or to contribute to the expenses at the discretion of the 12 Governors.

"It is moreover ordained and perpetually established that the Alderman and Stewards of the craft aforesaid shall render their accounts at the house of the Alderman for the time being on Sunday after Corpus Christi day, and whatever remains of the receipts after deducting the expenses shall immediately be shown. And if not, they shall forfeit to the community and the craft each 3*s*. 4*d*. and nevertheless be bound to satisfy the account."

Ordinance between Bakers and Innkeepers ("Hostilarios").

1458, 13 Feb. With consent of the Warden, Stewards, and six others [*named*] and others of the craft of Bakers, and three [*named*] and others, Innkeepers, ordered by the Governors that "the said Innkeepers shall not bake nor cause to be baked in any way any horse-bread, but shall buy it from the common bakers aforesaid and of no one else:" penalty 3*s*. 4*d*.

"The common bakers shall yearly for ever serve the said Innkeepers with such horse bread good and sufficient, viz. 15 to the dozen, as often as required by the said Innkeepers:" penalty 3*s*. 4*d*. "Provided always that if any of the innkeepers aforesaid offer to redeliver to any of the bakers aforesaid any of such horse bread delivered to him and not used, the said baker shall take back the said bread," if the redelivery is made within four days in summer, and six in winter.

f. 77 *b*. 1467. No baker to bake on Sundays unless a lord come or an honourable man ("probus") of the town die, or for other cause allowed by the Governors. None to take into service anyone born in Scotland, unless he has his parchment ("cartam").

1547, 19 June. (*English*.) "No brother of the said craft nor no inhabitant within the town of Beverley nor no foreigner shall occupy any market with bread to sell but only the Saturday market;" if any do, the bread to be presented to the 12 Governors, and go, half to the King [as Lord of the Manor] and half to the Commonalty.

"Every foreigner that brings bread to Beverley to sell, shall pay yearly to the Alderman of Bakers toward the charges of vesture and 'pageand' of the Occupation 4*d*."

None to carry bread from house to house to sell which is called "halkyng," but only to the King's market called Saturday market; who that doth the contrary, the Searchers to take his bread and present it in the Common Hall before the 12 Governors [&c. as above].

Any "that doth occupy any man's mark upon his bread but only his own mark, being once monished thereof, shall for every time pay 20*d*. to the craft, and 20*d*. to the commonalty."

1572, 4 June. Any foreign baker or foreigner that brings bread to sell in Beverley, to pay 2*s*. contribution to the Alderman of Bakers, and for that to be able to sell on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in open market and not elsewhere.

New penalty of Bakers.

155$\frac{5}{6}$, 4 Feb. Ordered by the 12 Governors, William Sanderson, Robert Thomson, Christopher Farrer and others, with the consent and assent of the greater and wiser part of the Council of the said town, viz., Richard Tailor and twelve others, that no common baker or other bakers called "boule Baker," their wives, servants or apprentices, enter the Cornmarket on any Saturday before 1 p.m. to buy any corn, or any wheat coming into the market on Saturday, beyond two bushels for store of their own houses, after 1 p.m.; nor take or house any wheat on Saturdays on penalty of 6*s*. 8*d*., &c.

Goldsmiths.

Order of the Goldsmiths for marking silver under penalty.

1365. *p.* 5. (*Latin.*) And be it remembered that Symon de Corby, W. of S. &c. on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Martin in winter A.D. 1365, swore before the said Keepers that no silver of worse alloy than is English money ought to be worked. And that they would not allow any vessels or other works worked, or to be worked, by them to pass out of their hands, unless they had been marked with their own accustomed mark under penalty of 40*d.* to be paid to the community for every default. And the said Symon was sworn as overseer to keep the said ordinance.

Order of the Overseers of the Goldsmiths' craft.

G.B. f. 14. 1409. (*Latin.*) Also it was ordered in the Guild Hall of Beverley, 25 Feb. 1409, by William Adleston, &c. the Twelve Keepers [&c.] on the petition and request of Thomas Burton and three others [*named*], goldsmiths, that two overseers ("supervisores") of the said craft called 'serchors' should be assigned, and swear to search and oversee that the gold and silver made in the town of Beverley be pure and assayed ("examinata") and of true alloy ("aloy") without fraud, and to present defaults, and that the marks of each of them be known in the Guild Hall.

And that every goldsmith found in deceitful default by the overseers pay to the community 12*d.* and to the maintenance of St. Dunstan's* light 12*d*; and every master newly setting up shop, as well those now as those in time to come, pay to the maintenance of the said light 20*d.* And every craftsman of the said craft who shall work ("occupaverit") with any master, called "jorneyman," shall pay at the beginning of his employment to the maintenance of the said light 10*d.*

And the said Goldsmiths shall yearly maintain a candle in honour of God and S. Dunstan, and a torch in the procession on Corpus Christi day for ever.

"Payntners, Goldsmyths, Masons, and Glasears."

f. 80. 1455, 8 Oct. To be one brotherhood "and have yearly a pageant of Three Kings de Celane, and find before the image of St. Christopher a wax candle of 1lb. weight to burn on Sundays and other feasts in the nave."

All typpellers dwelling in the town not married to pay 2*d.*

Shearmen.

Order of the clothing of the Shermen.

f. 11 *b.* 1396. Also, Tuesday before the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, A.D. 1396, came Walter Rasket, Robert Sherman, and [*seven others named*] before the Twelve Keepers of the town of Beverley, and prayed that this year they might not be

[* St. Dunstan was the Patron of the London Goldsmiths also.]

burdened with any clothing at the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, because the time was too short, but they granted, by full assent of the same, before the Twelve Keepers, that henceforward every year every one of them should be clothed anew every year in a like suit of clothing in honour of St. John of Beverley, and if any of them make default in any year he shall pay to the community of the town aforesaid, for every default, 6*s*. 8*d*.

Order of the clothing of Fullers.

f. 12. The same day John Bole and [*ten others named*] came before the Twelve Keepers and of their free will granted that every one of them be clothed in a like suit of clothing in honour of St. John of Beverley, that is to say every year at the feast of the Ascension, and they prayed the same Keepers that if any of them thenceforward should be found rebellious against his brethren, he should pay to the community of the town of Beverley 3*s*. 4*d*. and for the repair of the castle of the Fullers 3*s*. 4*d*.

Cobblers.

Statute between Tanners and Cobblers.

f. 11 *b*. 1364. (*Latin*.) Also it was ordered by the whole community that no cobbler should exercise the art of a tanner together with the art of a cobbler, under penalty of a fine of 40*s*., to be paid to the community as often as he shall be found blameworthy. Also it was ordered by the said community that no tanner should exercise the art of a cobbler together with the art of a tanner under penalty of 40*s*.,to be paid in form aforesaid.

Cordwainers.

Statutes of the Cordwainers or Shoemakers

("Allutariorum constitutiones").

f. 67. 1394-1427. Memorandum of the ancient customs which belong to the craft of Shoemakers of the town of Beverley, anciently used and founded in honour of Blessed John of Beverley, with some new ordinances made for the rule and government of the Gild of the brethren shoemakers aforesaid, now anew recited by the assent of Henry of Walton, Alderman of the Gild, Richard of Walsyngham and Robert of Cotom, stewards, Adam of Ripon and twelve others and their fellows, John of Moreton and [*ten others named*] and others;

Which customs are now ratified and confirmed by John Trippok, &c., Keepers of the town, A.D. 1394.

And that these statutes and ordinances may keep in force for ever, now ratified and newly confirmed by William Cokerell, &c., Keepers of the community of the town 1427, in the time of John Sutton, alderman, Thomas Abraham and William Sterlyng, stewards.

First, that in every meeting ("congregatione") held for the good of the said Gild all the co-brethren obey the Alderman for the time being in things which pertain to the good of the Gild, under penalty of 1*lb.* wax.

Item, that every year at the first ("principali") meeting six co-brethren be elected by all the co-brethren at their discretion, to assist the Alderman and Stewards for that year to rule the said Gild, and to administer justice ("justificandum"), and punish rebellious co-brethren, if any such there be, according to the statutes and ordinances of the said Gild, under penalty of 1*lb.* wax.

Item, that all the co-brethren be present at the making of the castle and covering it, and be all sitting or standing in the castle at the hour at which the shrine of S. John of Beverley is carried ("bajulatum") to the bridge called the Crossebrig, under penalty of 1*lb.* wax.

Item, that every brother warned by the Alderman's deputy to be in any place assigned by the Alderman for the good of the Gild, if in the town of Beverley and in good health, no way absent himself, nor delay after the hour assigned, under penalty of 1*lb.* wax.

Item, that no co-brother in any meeting fall out upon ("egrediatur") his co-brother with insulting or angry words, but hold his tongue and be silent when ordered by the Alderman: penalty 1*lb.* wax.

Item, that no co-brother summon or cause to be summoned any of his co-brothers before any judges whatsoever for any cause until he have revealed his grievances to the Alderman and those associated with him, who shall renew peace between the parties if they can; and if not, then they shall give evidence to the Keepers of the town against him who shall have refused to conform to equity. Penalty 1*lb.* wax to the profit of the Gild.

Item, that no co-brother give any work to any of his servants to be done out of his master's house, unless to his own hired servant.

Item, that if any one give any work to any one outside his house after being warned once by the brethren of the Gild, that he pay 40*d.* to the use of the Gild.

Item, it is ordered that none of the co-brethren of the Gild aforesaid be clothed anew in any other clothing except of the livery ("secta") of his co-brethren on the day on which they are assembled in their castle against the coming of Blessed John of Beverley, under penalty of 40*d.*, 20*d.* to the light of the Gild and 20*d.* to the community of the town.

At the death of the co-sisters of the Gild, every co-brother of the Gild to be present while *Placebo* and *Dirige* are being celebrated ("sunt in celebratione"), so that they be seen there while the Alderman and stewards are there, under penalty of 4*lb.* wax.

Item, it is ordained that every workman called a *coriour* pay yearly to the repairs of the castle of the Shoemakers and use of their Gild 6*d.*

And it is ordained as well by the Keepers of the town of Beverley as by the co-brethren of the said Shoemakers, that if any of the said *coriours* or the said servants be found rebellious or opposed to this ordinance he shall pay to the community of the town, 6*d.*, and to the repair of the castle, 6*d.*

Item, it is ordained that every co-brother of the craft of Shoemakers newly entered into the co-brotherhood of the same craft shall come to the Alderman of the aforesaid craft, and hold up his hand to the said Alderman that he will obediently do the orders of the Alderman of the Gild abovesaid lawfully and honourably, and pay to the repair of the said castle and the use of the Gild abovesaid 12*d.* and 1*lb.* wax.

Also it is ordered that every master of the craft aforesaid who takes any apprentice to serve him, if he come before Ascension day shall pay on Tuesday before Ascension day 20*d.*

[*The two last articles are crossed out.*]

Also it is ordered that any Alderman of the said Gild for the time being shall choose to himself six co-brethren to appoint lawfully and honourably all the woollen cloth in which the co-brethren of the said Gild who are able shall be clad, and shall deliver that clothing ("indumentum") to every master who shall be able to be clothed, paying for the same according to the true discretion of the Alderman and his fellows. Rebels to pay 12*d.* to the castle, 12*d.* to the Gild.

Also that if any co-brother of the said craft, being in council with his co-brethren to make ordinances for the good of the Gild, unlawfully scandalize that council, he shall pay 3*s.* 4*d.* to the community and 3*s.* 4*d.* to repair of the castle and use of the Gild.

f. 67 *b.* Further ordinances 12 Sept. 1438, that the election day of Alderman and Stewards be Tuesday before Ascension day: penalty for absence 1*s.*, rebellion at the election 10*s.*, refusing office if elected of Alderman or of Steward 3*s.* 4*d.* between Gild and community.

12 Feb. 1440. Ordered by the Twelve Keepers that any brother or craftsman of the craft who presumes to work at the door of any church outside the town of Beverley with shoes or other necessaries of the craft for sale there on any Sunday except from 1 Aug. to 29 Sept. shall pay 3*s.* 4*d.*

f. 5. 1462, Friday after 1 Aug. The Shoemakers thenceforward to have and keep their tables for selling shoes in a lane called Shomarket lane, standing in order on the south side of the said lane on market days and other markets and fairs, and in no other place except in their own shops where they live, as has been heretofore accustomed. And every shoemaker shall stand in his priority as he entered the craft, beginning at John Danby's shop.

1468, 2 March. Every new master to lift up his hand to the Alderman that he will be obedient, and to pay 3*s*., or if a Grithman 12*d*.

1501. Every new brother to give security to the Alderman to obey the craft regulations.

1502, 15 Nov. Craft to elect two Searchers on same day as Alderman and Stewards.

f. 74 *b*. 1530. All the brethren consent to an ordinance that new masters setting up shop pay 3*s*. 4*d*. They are named, and number 17.

f. 75 *b*. 1542, 17 May. No brother or contributor of the said occupation shall at any time hereafter go to any church doors within the town or without the town with any ware to sell, except it be a cried Fair and Market: penalty 20*d*. 15 agreed to this ordinance.

New ordinance of "Jorneymen" of Shoemakers.

(*English*.) 154½, 4 Feb. Ordained by consent and assent of the Alderman of the Maisters of Shomakers and of all his brethren, and also of the Alderman of the Journeymen and of all his brethren, that all such duties as hath been paid heretofore to the "Gyld of Saint Peter" either by brother, journeyman, or contributor, shall henceforth be paid to the Alderman of the "Syrmen" for the time being to the use and profit of the said occupation and craft. Any one who "repungs against this" to pay 2*s*.

Weavers.

The Weavers' Ordinances.

f. 68. 1406. (*English*.) To the honour of God and the honorable feast of the Assumption of the most glorious Virgin Mary, and to the honour of the glorious Confessor St. John of Beverley and all God's Saints, the Masters of the craft of Woollen Weavers of Beverley, desiring to solemnize and exalt the aforesaid feast of the Assumption, with their common consent and the assent of the community of the town of Beverley, have founded a certain light ("lucem") and honour by the name of a Gild for themselves and whosoever others wish to venerate the aforesaid feast.

Also they consented to make and decree ordinances for the good government of the same Gild, and for the maintenance of the honour of the Weavers' castle yearly erected for the praise of God's glorious Confessor of the town which follows 4 November, 1406, to be observed through times to come.

And first, they have ordained that a certain solemn Mass should yearly on the aforesaid feast, in the chapel of the most Blessed Virgin Mary of Beverley, be solemnly celebrated for the brethren and sisters of the same Gild living and dead; and a light, viz. a

principal candle and four lesser candles of the same Gild, be lighted there at the Mass time. And all and singular brethren and sisters be summoned ("somoniri") by the summoner of the Gild, and be present, and offer at the time of oblation whatever may be of devotion. Those absent to pay 1*lb.* wax.

They ordained also that every brother of the craft who should be absent on the said feast day of the Assumption at the election of the Alderman, Stewards and Summoner or at any prime Gild ("primam gildam") or at any assembly called ("congregationem factam") by the Alderman and Stewards for the good of the Gild, being summoned, shall pay without delay 1*lb.* wax.

They decreed also that every wife of a brother of the Gild if she die in the town shall have the light and decorations of the Gild as her husband should have; but the husband to pay 1*lb.* of wax to the light.

And if any brother or sister of the Gild die in poverty, not having of his own whence to be honourably buried, he shall be buried at the cost and charge of the Gild.

[Order as to abusing the Summoner; or refusing office; and as to quarrels.]

Moreover they ordered that if any of the servants of the same craft called a journeyman (*sic*) is accused of fraud before the Keepers of Beverley or officers of the craft, he shall serve no master of the craft unless he shall be able to prove a lawful excuse before the said Keepers and craft.

[Penalty for abusing Alderman and Stewards.]

If any master of the same craft through anger or envy shall make any one's wife fetch and take away her web out of the house of him who first has it for weaving and has warped it, he shall pay 40*d.*

Every master of the craft newly clothed with the suit of the brethren in honour of the most glorious Confessor St. John shall keep that clothing for two years without selling it ("sine alienatione") using that clothing the first year on principal feasts and when any lord of the magnates of the realm come to town: any one giving or selling it within 2 years outside the craft to pay 20*d.* to the community and 20*d.* to the castle.

Every master of the craft who newly sets up his weaving tools shall pay to the use of the castle 2*s.* and be a brother in the Gild.

[*This is crossed out and* 'dampnatur' *written in the margin.*]

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If a master of the craft owe a servant called journeyman any wages, that servant shall complain thereof to the Alderman, and if he shall not be able to compel the master to give satisfaction by his order, then he shall complain to the Keepers of the town, and if they shall consider the wages due then let there be a distraint by the Common Sergeant for payment.

Ordynaunce of Weavers. [*In English.*]

f. 84. 1496. For thys matter it is ordande and statute 1496 by John Rowmthwayte &c. (11 of the 12 Governors &c.) by assent and consent of Christopher Attkynson, Alderman of the Weavers . . . and all the maisters and bredyr of the same craft, except William Cowper and John Bylton, that the Alderman of the Gylde of the Apostyls Petyr and Paule sall be chosyn from hensfurth of one of thise 8 maysters following, that is to say Robert Dakres, Roger Moyses, Richard Attky[n]son, John Oversall, William Kynge, Harri Watts, Christopher Attkynson, and John Lyghtfote during their dayes. And when one of thame be discharged or dysseste anothyr to be takyn by the consent of the hole crafte so att (*sic*) the Alderman of the day of the eleccyon shall sett two of those forsayde eight maysters of the eleccyon after the customs of the sayd towne; And so one of those two to be chosyn to be Alderman by the jorneymen bredyr of the forsayde gylde.

[Penalty for refusing, 6*s.* 8*d.*]

That thai shall sett four of the bredyr of the forsayde gylde of the eleccyon for stewards, of whome two shall be chosyn for stewards by the forsayd maysters and bredyr of the forsayde craft.

[20*d.* for refusing.]

All those journeymen that now is in the town, and also all those that are for to come unto the town, shall be searched by the Alderman and his searchers ("seyrsours") if they be able to work as a journeyman except he have been prentice in the town. And all those that are able to work as a journeyman shall pay to the Alderman and his searchers for his search 4*d.*, and all those that are not able, they shall either be bound ("fest") prentice for a time, or else be hired to work for such wages as they think of their conscience that they be worthy for to have to time by that they be able to work as a journeyman. Also all those journeymen that are in St. Peter's Gild and in clothing that they shall be set of work before any other that are not in clothing, if so be they will work as good cheap as another man will.

1500. [Instead of the provision of 1496 for the election of Alderman, which is crossed through, it was ordained—]

That the Alderman of the foresaid Gild at the day of his election shall make his election of two worshipful men of the said masters at his pleasure, of the which two the journeymen shall choose one to be Alderman of the said Gild for the year following.

Smiths.

Smiths' Ordinances.

1400. (Newly confirmed, 1430.) Election day, morrow of St. John Baptist.

Two meetings yearly called "Prym Gildes" on Sunday in Passion Week and Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The castle to be between that of the Carpenters and Tailors.

If any smith work or use bad iron or steel in any work of the craft to the deceit of the people of the King, or by which any one can incur loss or prejudice, all that work so found blameable by the overseers shall be forfeited to the use of the craft, and the smith shall pay 3*s*. 4*d*.

No brother of the craft may hire any servant of a co-brother before he have first had an honest talk with the said servant's master, and looked into the matter whether the same master and servant are at one or not, and whether the same servant may lawfully serve another master or not, and if there have been any quarrel between them the said master and servant shall abide by the right order of the said Alderman and Stewards, under penalty of 6*s*. 8*d*.

Any smith working on an iron stethy (*sic*), except goldsmiths, shall obey the Alderman and Stewards of the said Gild in all lawful and honest commands.

Sunday after 24 June is to be the General Account Day.

f. 63. 1465. Every master of the craft who newly works ("occupat") or shall work in the same craft and is not a burgess shall pay to the use of the expenses of the craft 20*d*. until he be a burgess; and if on the presentment of the Alderman it appear to the Twelve Keepers that the master is [able to be] a burgess and will not, then he shall pay to the community and the craft 3*s*. 4*d*. to be equally divided.

Every master who is a burgess and sets up a forge shall pay the first year to the repair of the castle 3*s*. and to the maintenance of the light 1*lb*. wax.

Every master of the craft who sells anything belonging to the craft of smiths of Beverley in the country at the doors of any church or elsewhere on any Sunday, except at public fairs and in the autumn season, shall pay &c. 2*s*.

Every contributor of the said craft shall pay his Alderman yearly when the Corpus Christi play is played 4*d*. to the maintenance of the pageant, and every journeyman 2*d*.

This article has 'vacat' *in an Elizabethan hand written against it.*

Coopers.

O.R. *f*. 41. [*Before* 1413.] To the reverend discretion of Thomas C., Thomas Ma. and their fellows, the Twelve Keepers, &c., humbly petition John S: and William J., "serchours" of the craft of Coopers, for themselves and all coopers burgesses of the town aforesaid and others dwelling therein, that whereas they are by

no means able, being only six of them burgesses, to support the charges of their castle and other charges of the town, they may be relieved by the help and counsel of the Governors in form underwritten.

First, whereas those who are yearly elected from them [to be] two Searchers, burgesses, are not able to do their office because of an ordinance made in the Guild Hall, therefore they ask that those who are not burgesses and are honest and able persons, their estate considered, viz. Ralph S. and Thomas T., may be induced to become burgesses, and likewise John S. comfrer with them.

They ask also, whereas they, as is aforesaid, are heavily charged in the town aforesaid, and many coopers dwelling in the country come into the town, and there yearly almost continuously work and take profits and gains in the said town, but are not charged at all with the burdens of the town, that the said Searchers may yearly levy 3*s*. 4*d*. from every stranger working in the town with your leave, viz. of everyone working for a quarter 10*d*., for half a year 20*d*., and so on according to the time of their occupancy.

[The Coopers, with whom were coupled the Bowers and Fletchers, Joiners, Pateners (wooden clog makers), and Turners, seem to have been less intent on common celebration than on functional regulation of the trade and putting down bad work. The Coopers' earliest recorded regulations are dated 1409, as follows.]

(*f*. 61.) 1409, 23 July. The first rule provides for the election of two Searchers to "search and oversee and rule all of the art in Beverley." Penalty for bad work 20*s*.

Whoever of them shall have improperly and deceitfully made a "cimam," *Anglice* saw ("sau"), shall pay 12*d*., whether it be a defect of craftsmanship or of the materials. In deceitful fashioning of a wheel 12*d*., a chair 12*d*., a bucket ("bokett") 4*d*., and of a great . . . . or other vessel the defect shall be assessed by the Searchers. And none shall make buckets or saws with 'royne,' on the penalty aforesaid.

141$\frac{0}{1}$, 3 March. Every master of the craft of coupers who shall newly occupy shall pay on his entrance to the use of the craft and costs of Corpus Christi play 2*s*., and every master who takes an apprentice shall pay in the first year 6*d*.

1416, 24 March. Granted, that in everything pertaining to the castle of Bowers and Flechers, viz., in performing the offices of Alderman and Stewards and the like, and in the expenses, the said Coupers shall be with them equal co-brethren and partners, and therefore shall be free from contributing as they used to do to the Carpenters.

And all Joynors and Turnors living in Beverley shall be with the Coupers in all costs and ordinances and their craft and pageant.

And in like manner with the Coupers' consent John Redburn, couper, is released from their brotherhood and shall be charged with the Carpenters.

1418, 22 April. All Pateners shall be equal brethren and partners with Bowers and Flechers and Coupers in castle and clothing and all their ordinances registered which relate to their castle; and to this consented William Derykson, patener and brewer ("bere brewer"), Hugh Cayser, patener, and Walter Palmer, patener.

1422, 3 July. Every one of the craft of Coupers who finds ashes and "stowres" for "garthes" belonging to his craft at the Beck, although they are bought, is to be partner with the buyer, although he was not present at the purchase, paying for his share according to quantity as the first purchaser paid or agreed to pay.

f. 63. 146$\frac{8}{9}$, 1 January. Ordinance as to setting in casks, etc.

Bowyers and Fletchers.

f. 57 *b.* 1413 is the date of the Bowers and Fletchers ordinances, registered 28 March, 1428.

The said Bowers and Flechers shall be charged yearly for ever to find a wax light in the choir of the chapel of B.M.V., to burn before Christ's Sepulchre [the Easter Sepulchre] from the day of the Passion to Easter, and thence throughout the whole year on Sunday and Principal Feasts on the candlestick appointed. Every master newly occupying the craft to pay 1 *lb.* wax to the light.

Election of an Alderman and one Steward Sunday after Corpus Christi Day.

The crafts aforesaid shall play, or cause to be played, a certain pageant on Corpus Christi Day of "Abraham and Isaac," when the community on St. Mark's Day consent that the pageants generally shall be played.

Two "Prime gildes" a year, Sunday after Easter and Sunday in the Octave of Christmas. "Those who in any way use the making of new bows, clubs ("baculorum") or arrows and the like which properly belong to the aforesaid crafts" to be compelled to contribute.

Usual provisions as to rebels, the refusing office, &c.

1416. The Flechers to have among them a wooden castle on Rogation Mondays to be erected and placed at "Bull-ryng" opposite the castle of the Butchers; and to offer and ride next after the brotherhood of Shearmen, with whom they were formerly associated.

Another edition of the ordinances of Bowers and Fletchers appears at *f.* 77 under date 1411, but there is something queer about this date, as the craft purports to include "Bowers, Fletchers, Cowpers, Patenners, Botchers, Bolgemakers, Turners, Carvours, and Joynners," whereas from the

ordinances above given the Coopers would not appear to have combined with them before 1416, and the ordinances are said to have been renewed ("innovata") in 1473.

These ordinances provide for two Stewards instead of one; and for the play of "Fleyng into Egip" as well as for "Habraham and Isaak," and that at the castle on Rogation Monday every brother should appear with a "fit bed-covering" ("cum coopertura lecti habili"). It is also provided that "String-makers et staf-makers" are to pay 2*d.* a year.

In a later hand it is said that "Boll-sellars and Dysch-sellers" (dishes were then wooden trenchers), "lepys and scuttyll-sellers" contribute 5*d.*, and still later, in English but without date, that "All wrights by their craft that can carve or join and occupieth making cupbords, tables, or any other thing not parcel of a house to be contributors with Bowers and Fletchers."

f. 82. 1514, 16 Sept. Bowers, Fletchers and Coupers and Carpenters. (English.) Award of the Twelve Governors. The Carpenters to withdraw their suit in London; the Bowers &c. their suit in Beverley.

Every carpenter being brother with the Carpenters shall be free to occupy carving, "enbowinge, rabitting, jonynge, and seelinge" without any contribution to the Bowers.

Every such one that occupieth making of "copburds, cownters, chists, awmbres, or pressur" shall yearly pay to the Alderman of Bowers for his contribution 8*d.*; if no brother 20*d.*

Saddlers.

f. 65. 1409. Their ordinances begin with a rather remarkable preface.—In honour of the highest and undivided Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen. Thursday after 24 June, 1425, 4° Henry VI; for the common good of the people lieges of the King of England in all things which concern the craft of Saddlers ("Sellariorum") in the town and liberty of Beverley, by the common consent of all the masters of the said craft, the underwritten ordinances were ordained A.D. 1409, lest the common people by crafty subtlety or evil ingenuity of those exercising the craft should be any way defrauded; to which ordinances 8 "Sadillers" (two of them with the surname of Saddler and one of Fustor) consented, and which afterwards Robert Stokton and others the Twelve Keepers granted to be registered the day and year above written (*i.e.* 1425).

In the first place, it was ordained and decreed, and with the assent of the Keepers of the town confirmed, that every master of the Saddlers of Beverley who shall hereafter buy trees made for saddles, in English called *sadiltrees*, of fustors or any one else shall diligently examine them that they be good and well strengthened with nails and glue ("glew"), as they ought to be, so that they may be of proper service to the purchasers and their horses without fraud, under the penalty below contained.

When the said saddle-trees are bought and in the saddlers' hands, the saddlers shall well and sufficiently strengthen them with leather thongs ("nevirs"), so that no defects may be found in them by the inspectors of the craft called *Sercheours*.

And all masters of the same craft shall well and sufficiently cover their saddles for sale; viz., housed with hides called *Salisbery-lethyr*, *calf-lethyr*, *swyn-lether*, *brynt-lethir*, or other leather fitting and sufficient, but not with unfitting and insufficient leather, and this without fraud or any deceipt of the people. No master of the said craft shall work any tanned leather in reins. [This was the Loriners' business.]

All pommels ("ponelli") of saddles for sale made by them shall be sufficiently doubled, of calf or sheepskin. None of them shall work tanned leather in pommels and in *stirap-lethirs*, unless the leather has been well and sufficiently tanned, by the overseer Sercheours (*sic*).

Penalty for defaults in the above 3*s*. 4*d*. to the community of the town and 3*s*. 4*d*. to the costs of the pageant of the craft.

No master shall work horse-leather in any part of the craft aforesaid, except in making *sewing-thwanges*.

1441, 18 December. There shall be of the aforesaid Saddlers a brotherhood yearly as of the other crafts, and they shall maintain a wax light before the image of St. Michael the Archangel in the church or chapel of B. M. V. of Beverley, on the N. side of the High Altar. Election day, Tuesday after Ascension Day. One Searcher only.

And the said Saddlers shall play or cause to be played yearly on Corpus Christi Day the pageant of the Creation of the World, as often as by the 12 Keepers or Governors of the town plays shall be ordered ("adjudicabuntur"), under the penalty in the Common Register of the town specified. Every maker of saddle-trees called "Feustor" to be a brother: also every workman or craftsman called "cod maker" to pay 12*d*. for light, pageant and other charges of the craft.

In the year of John Pierson, John Lorymer, John Siglesthorne, etc., Governors, ordered that every master newly setting up shop shall swear fidelity to the Alderman, and pay 2*s*. and 1*lb*. wax; if he afterwards become able to be a burgess and do not, to pay 4*s*. a year equally between commonalty and craft. Every one taking an apprentice to pay 20*d*. to the craft.

A journeyman retained for a month to pay 12*d*.; for a year, to pay 6*d*. a year.

1493. Every maker of "lade sadyll panels" to pay to maintenance of play and light 8*d*. a year.

Tanners.

f. 42. *b*. 20 Oct., 1416; written in 1539. Ordinances and constitutions of the Tanners' crafte in Beverley as well of olde tyme used and ordeyned as of newe tyme, and founded as well by the

consent and supplication of the Tanneres underwrytten as also by the grante and licence of the xij Governors of the towne and comminaltie of Beverley the xx^ti^ daye of Octobre in the yere of our Lord God m^l^cccxvj.

Fyrst, that ther be a fraternite and brotherhood of the maisters of the Tanners aforesayde in the honor of the blyssed Trinite and of the Feaste of Corporis Christi and of the blysse[d] and holy confessor Saynt John of Beverley and of all saynts in heven.

And that the foresayd Tanners shall susteyn and uphold for ever on *Searge* (*i.e.* taper) of waxe in the chapell of our Lady Saynt Mary in Beverley afore the high alter, in the north side of the qwer there, to be brynned upon Sondayes and other festyvall dayes; and two torches of wax yerly and for ever to be born in procession in the Feast of Corporis Christi, and at the obyt of every brother, and ther to be brynned as well at *Placebo* and *Dirige* as at Masse.

Item, yt ys ordeyned and statuted that the brether of the sayd crafte of Tanners shall have yerly two congregacions called Prymer Gylds, the one of them to be of Tewesday in the Rogacion week to elect Alderman and two Stewards, the other on Sunday after Innocents' day.

Item, it ys ordeyned and statuted yerly for evermore to be kepte, That the presayd crafte of Tanners shall raise upe on castle of tree upon Monday in the Rogacion weeke, in the honor of Gode and the glorious confessor Saynt John; and the sayd brether of Tanners to sytt in the same castell at the hour of prime and the tyme of processyon in clothynge all of one suyt, as nygh as yt maye be hade and gotten.

And also the brether shall ryd at afternoyn in the sayme suyt, as other crafts doo, after ther old auncyent and laudable custom. And what brother as ys absent and comys not to sytt in the castell, nor rydds not at afternoyn, as ys aforesayd, he shall forfett and paye to the comminaltie of the towne of Beverley xx*d*, and to the charges and expenses of the sayd occcupaycon of Tanners other xx*d*. for ether default.

And whosoever refusyth to be cled in the same suyte, and is found able by the Alderman, stewerds and iiij of his brether in suche tyme and space as they doo agree to be cled in, shall forfeit and paye for the said defaulte to the comminaltie xx*d*. and to the expenses of the sayd crafte other xx*d*.

f. 43. 1478, 21 April. Ordinances as to payments by non-burgesses not apprenticed.

1494, 6 March. What journeyman that shall werke within the towne of Beverley without any maister of the said craft by the space of xiiij dayes, be he ether brother or contributor, shall paye yerely to the Alderman for the tyme beyng to the expenses of the said crafte when the Playe of Corpus Christi ys played in the said towne of Beverley viij*d*., and yerly when that play is note played, vj*d*.

f. 43 *b.* 1539, 2 Sept. Fine of 1*lb.* of wax for not attending Prymer Gild.

15$\frac{38}{39}$, 15 Jan. Alderman may summon Prymer Gild when necessary.

1° Edw. VI., 7 June. Ask to be registered "as well in the lyer [leiger] in the comon place as in ther booke of ordynaunces."

Penalty for refusing office of Alderman.

1554, 22 Jan. Regulation as to buying of hides.

Cutlers, Braziers, &c.

f. 78. 1475, 20 Feb. In honour of God the Father Almighty, and the most glorious Virgin Mary, and to the honour of the glorious confessor St. John of Beverley, and All Saints, Robert Rider, "braciar," Alderman, and William Cardmaker and Robert Lovell, stewards of a certain pageant of the Crucifixion of Christ accustomed to be played on Corpus Christi Day, because divers men of divers crafts who ought to contribute to the playing and maintenance of the said pageant have refused, and refuse, to do so; Therefore they made the ordinances and constitutions underwritten, with the consent and assent of John Wells, &c., the Twelve Governors, 20 Feb., 147$\frac{5}{6}$.

First, that of all Cutlers, Furberors, Plumbers, Braziers, Cardmakers, and Pewterers [*written in a different hand* "and Pynners"] in the liberty of Beverley there should be one Brotherhood, and that they and each of them should support the charge of the said pageant, and should perform and cause the same to be played for ever.

To have an Alderman and two Stewards, &c. Every "cardcobler, cuttiller vocatus *an hawker*, plomars, furbiorers, and pewtrers qui vendunt aliqua bona infra villam per hawkyng" to contribute 6*d.* to the pageant.

A candle before St. Andrew's Image in St. Mary's: and a torch in the Corpus Christi Procession.

Every "horner et tynkler et wiredrawar" to contribute to maintenance of the light 12*d.* a year.

Porters and Crelers.

f. 19. 1452, 24 Aug. All Porters and Crelers of Beverley who commonly use that craft in the town, and their successors for the time being, to take for the carriage of every 100 faggots for sale:—

From the Beck to the Minster ("Monasterium") and Estgate 2*d.* and to Keldgate Bar 3*d.*

From the Beck to Crossebrig 3*d.*, and thence to North Bar and [North Bar without] 4*d.*

For carriage of every chaldron of sea coals:—

From the Beck to Minster and Crossbridge 3*d.* and thence to North Bar and without 5*d.*

For carriage of every 1,000 blocks of peat ("terricidiarum") :—

From the Beck to Minster 1*d.*, thence to Keldgate Bar and Crossbridge 1½*d.* and beyond to North Bar and without 2*d.*

For carriage of a fother of 'cartorf' :—

From the Beck to Minster and Keldgate Bar and Crossbridge 1½*d.* and North Bar and without 2*d.*

For carriage of 1,000 thatch tiles and wall-tiles (bricks) :—

From Beck to Minster 3*d.* and thence to Keldgate Bar and Crossebridge 6*d.* and beyond to North Bar and without 8*d.*

For carriage of every 100 of astilwode :—

From Beck to Minster 1*d.* and beyond to Keldgate Bar and Crossbridge 1½*d.* and thence to North Bar and without 2*d.*

Eighty names, of men of various trades, are given as assenting to this order.

1476, 1 April. Porters and Crelers not to carry any astilwode or fagotts for sale from the Beck to the town with their carts but only on sledds, and not to have more sledds for one hand to fill than one: and not to carry any astilwoode or fagots with sledds to the "hye brig" in gross, and afterwards into the town in their carts: and not to place them in caches ("catcheys") until the bellman comes from North Bar to High Bridge.

1494. To have a solemn Mass at the Friars Preachers on Sunday after the Assumption and to give a shilling for the same to the Friars.

Cooks.

f. 79. 1485. Their Play the "Redemption of Adam and Eve, called le Coke Pageant."

"Those who sell certain things belonging to the Cooks craft as the Pye-bakers, Pasty-bakers, Flaune-bakers, and Chese cake makers to pay yearly 6*d.*, and Otemele makers 4*d.*, and the Dyner makers 2*s.*"

Millers.

1491, 20 May. Pageant of the Resurrection of Lazarus.

A wax candle of 1*lb.* before the image of the Lord lying in the sepulchre in St. Nicholas' Church.

Every hired man called journeyman who occupies the said craft shall render his account, viz. in water-mill, wind-mill, or horse-mill. Every miller who for 14 days works in "billyng or layng" to pay 4*d.*

Drapers.

One more specimen is given of these ordinances, which is undoubtedly the creation by the 12 Keepers of a new Craft Guild, viz. that of the Drapers, who had hitherto formed part of the first and chief Guild, the Mercers.

It clearly shows that the distinguishing marks of a separate Craft or Guild was the having a separate light in a church, a separate castle at the Rogation Procession, and a separate scene or pageant at the Corpus Christi Play.

Ordinatio Pannariorum.

f. 25. *b.* 1493. "In the Fest of Saynt Marc the Evaungelist in the yere of our Lorde God m°cccc°lxxxxiij°, Itt is agreyd by all the commynaltie of the Towne of Beverley

That the Drapers shall have a confraternite emong thame self, and a Castell as other crafts hafe, And att (*sic*) thai shall be ordande and statute by the xij Governors that day chosyn and elect, that is for to say by Adam Newcombe, John Rowmthwayte, John Cokk, Thomas Jakson, William Blakden, Hugh Leversall, John Nuttall, Henry Sawnderson, John Kyrkby, and Robert Elys, and ther felawse.

And thus it is ordaned and statut, And by the assent and consent of all the Aldermen of thys towne fully concludyd and here registerd, that in worship of God and of our Lady and Saynt John of Beverley yerly on Cross Monday the sayde drapers shall have a castell honestly coverd as other crafts hafe, sette by twyx the castell of the merchaunts and the castell of wryghts, And that day after the processyon thai shall go nextt after the merchaunts, and so att the afternone shall ryde.

And what Alderman of the towne of Beverley that be found rebell agayns this ordynaunce shall forfett to the Gylde Hall xx*s*. And what Burges of Beverley so ever he be that is fownd rebell or contrary agayns this ordynaunce shall forfytt to ye Gylde Hall vj*s*. viij*d*."

The full ordinances in Latin of the same date are given on *f.* 81.

Their wax candle is to be at St. Mary's before the image of St. Michael Archangel.

The Play, "Demyng Pylate," *i.e.* the Judgment of Pilate.

"These great costs and charges are now newly charged on the said Drapers, where before they had no such charges: and therefore it is considered by the said Twelve Governors and the said Alderman and by them granted, that the said Drapers who now are and shall be in the future may make gaiters ("caligas") and keep apprentices and servants sewing in their shops, without any hindrance, or payment of any contribution to the craft of the Tailors ("cissorum"), as was anciently registered in the Guild Hall."

Their election day is to be Tuesday in Rogation week and they are to have two "Pryme Gilds," viz., S. John the Evangelist's day at Christmas and Second Sunday after Easter.

Every one, burgess or not, newly occupying the buying and selling of cloth by retail in his open shop, to pay for the "upsett" 4*s*.

Every one selling cloth in a shop by retail to the value of 4 marks in the year, not in the Drapers' livery, to contribute 2*s*. 4*d*. a year.

Every one keeping open shop for retail, and not a burgess and brother, and able to be so but not willing to become such, to pay 3*s*. 4*d*. a year to the town, and 3*s*. 4*d*. to the craft.

To elect two searchers to scrutinize "le yerd-wands" and other defects or injuries to the craft of Drapers.

1494, 5 Dec. Order between Drapers and Tailors. A certain great altercation and matter of discord is referred to the award of the Twelve Governors.

Every tailor buying and selling cloth by retail beyond 4 marks a year to pay 2*s*. 4*d*. to the Drapers, but their apprentices and servants to be free to occupy the craft of drapers under their masters without further payment.

The Drapers to be at liberty to make gaiters ("caligas"), women's boots and "le soles" without contributing to the Tailors, but if they make any other clothes to pay 2*s*. a year: their apprentices and servants to be able to fit and sew without any payments.

TOWN MINUTE BOOK.

f. 1. The first leaf is nearly all torn away. It begins "In festo S. Marci Evangelistæ A.D. 1436. Th. Rogerus," and records the election of the Twelve Keepers or Governors of the community of the town: the Common Clerk, John Thorn; Common Sergeant ("sergiens"), William Sylbur: and four "collectores Pariagii" for a year. The back of it contains a mutilated entry as to the election of two Waits ("spiculatoribus") for a year at 40*s*. and the delivery to them of two silver shields, with sureties for their safe custody and re-delivery.

f. 2, and apparently several more pages, cut away.

f. 3. "Nominantur pro sagittariis. Extra barras boriales. Ista billa liberatur David Chambir et sociis suis."

Then follows a list of 33 names, headed by David Chambir, and opposite the last two in the margin is written "Willelmus Warner, sagittarius." Below that, "r(ecepta) summa 20*s*"; in the margin a cross with "sol(uta)." Below the recepta is "Will. Warner sagittar'." Warner's name does not appear among the 33 names. It would appear that the list is that of those who were to contribute to Warner's wages, and he receipts it at the foot.

"Infra Barras Boriales. Ista billa liberatur Willelmo Lincoln et sociis suis." Then follows a list of 40 names, which do not include William Lincoln. Opposite the names are placed various sums varying from 12*d*. to 2*d*., including 4*d*. against the name of William Warner. The sum is 20*s*. and that is entered as paid to John Ostiller, sagittarius, whose name appears in the list, first

as John Hostiller, crossed out, and then as John Ostiller, contributing 8*d*. His name appears again at the end as Joh. Ostiller, sagittarius: with a cross and "sol[uta]" in the margin.

Similar lists follow under the headings of the names of other streets or wards; each paying 20*s*. and some showing the particulars, some not. The numbers are as follows:—

North Bar without - - - - - -	33
North Bar within - - - - - -	40
Walkergate - - - - - - -	36
Cornmarket - - - - - - -	35
Highgate ("Alta Via") - - - -	50
Lathgate - - - - - - - -	41
Fischmarkett - - - - - - -	44
Keldegat Archiepiscopi - - - -	31
Feodum Præposituræ in Keldegat - -	23 }
Feodum Præposituræ in Norwode - -	18 }
Flemmynggate - - - - - - -	73
Barlyholm - - - - - - -	41
Feodum Præposituræ at Beck (Torrentem) -	38 }
Cum feodo Capituli (at Beck) - - -	22 }
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Those bracketed together contribute together for a single archer.

(The main numbering of the book begins here.)

f. 1. x die Jul a° xiiij^mo^ Henrici Sexti. Transgressio purdonatur.

Will. Gelle, fischer, foris stallavit ij salmones de ij extraneis incognitis die Sabbati per tres ebdomadas elapsas ultimo præterito ante dictum diem, in præjudicium communitatis et in deceptionem communis populi. Qui venit et submisit se in gratiam viij custodum quinto die Octobris, et habet diem Veneris proximum in xiiij dies ad concordandum cum dictis custodibus pro dicta transgressione et iiij aliis transgressioneibus super ipsum ut infra, præsentatis: pro quibus transgressionibus exposuit ij*s*. iij*d*.: et condonatur graciose quia pauper, et quia in futurum in consimilibus transgressionibus versus communitatem non transgrediatur.

Johannes Fery, corvesour, fecit fidei securitatem Johanni Sleforth et sociis suis custodibus anni instantis xvj die Julii fideliter solvendi Johanni Cossy ad festa Assumptionis Beatæ Marie Virginis et Michaelis, aequaliter, x*s*. vi*d*. Soluti x*s*. vj*d*.

Idem Johannes Fery fecit fidei securitatem prædictis custodibus dicto die fideliter solvendi Thomæ White, draper, in festo Natalis Domini proximo futuro post dictum diem, iij*s*. iij*d*. Soluti iii*s*. iij*d*.

Judicium inter Thomam White et Johannem Smyth, lymbrenner (*lime-burner*):—

Thomas Skipwith, Johannes Sleforth, Johannes Couton, Willelmus Kirkeby, Ricardus Cokyrham, Willelmus Northopp, Johannes Bavwme, et Johannes Cokke, ordinaverunt et simul

adjudicaverunt prædicto die et anno quod si Johannes Smyth, lymbrenner, sepem Thomæ White juxta terram mansionis suæ in futurum succiderit sive prosternerit (*sic*), et super ipsum Johannem legitime probari et verificari poterit, extunc qualibet vice qua reus inventus sit solvet ad usum communitatis iij*s*. iiii*d*.

Tolnetum apud Neuton Garths. Johannes Ris de Paule attachiavit Henricum Tasker pro j horssche, pro tolneto Sanctæ Mariæ Magdalenæ vocato Maudelyngarth juxta Hedon, injuste.

viii° die Augusti. Transgressio. Patricius Knyght attachiatur pro v equis captis in loco Common Averys ante diem Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis registratum et assignatum per assensum totius communitatis, pro qua transgressione submisit se in gratiam xij custodum et exposuit iij*s*. iiij*d*. Inde recepti xij*d*., et residuum condonatur graciose sub conditione quod amodo non faciet. Recepti xij*d*.

Transgressio. Willelmus Benteley attachiatur pro iiij equis captis in le Common Averys, supra, contra ordinationem prædictam. Qui venit et posuit se in gratiam communitatis, et exposuit xx*d*. Inde recepti viij*d*., et residuum condonatur sub conditione qua supra. Todde, laborer, attachiatur pro j equo capto, ut supra, et non est burgensis, contra ordinationem prædictam. Recepti viij*d*.

f. 1. *b*. Ricardus Forster, barbour, non burgensis, attachiatur pro j equo capto ut supra. Pro qua transgressione submisit se in gratiam, et exposuit xx*d*. quia pauper. Inde recepti viij*d*. et residuum condonatur sub conditione quod amodo non faciet.

Johannes Hardy, corvesour, attachiatur etc. [same as last entry, only the sums are 12*d*. and 4*d*. : the fine of a burgess being less].

Willelmus Wedirby attachiatur pro iij equis (ut supra), et reliberantur per plegium Ricardi Hyndclay : pro qua transgressione habet diem Martis proximum ad exponendum in gratiam iij*s*. Inde recepti vj*d*. et residuum [etc.]

Thirteen others are similarly fined for the like offence.

f. 2. *b*. Nominantur pro armatis inveniendis versus Scotiam xvi° die mensis Augusti anno xiiij^mo^ regni Regis Henrici VI.

Thomas Mayne - - -	Gubernatores	Brianus Holme, armatus
Willelmus Lorymer, mercer -		
Adam Oughtibrig - - -		
Ricardus Weton - - -		
Robertus Jakson - - - - - -		
Margareta Tirwhit - - - - - -		
John Reddesham - - - - - -		
Willelmus Wellys de Keldgate - - -		
Ricardus Jamys - - - - - -		
Thomas Barker - - - - - -		
Thomas Poynton - - - - - -		

[and so with five other "armed men"; each lot of three or four Governors with about half a dozen to ten others find one between them.]

f. 3. "Sagittarii assignati ad homines armatos." The twelve archers whose names were given in the former list are assigned by couples to each of the six armed men.

"Solutiones constabulariarum ad sagittarios assignatos." The names of the 12 archers, and the 12 constabularies to which they are respectively assigned, are given. It is added, "Sciendum quod quilibet prædictorum sagittariorum recipit pro se de qualibet constabularia superius specificata, ut patet per billas inferius scriptas, x*s*." The 'billæ' are those before given. It would seem that the pages have been bound up out of order.

f. 3. *b.* "Liberatio armaturæ communitatis.

Roger Rolleston habet ij paria vambrace, j par rerbrace et j par poleyns. Thomas Fleteham habet j loricam communitatis, Will. Petons habet de xij Gubernatoribus extra Aulam j basenet, j brestplate, j par vawmbrace, j par rerbrace et j par seroticarum. Edward Lamb habet, j basenet, j par serotecarum, j brestplate, et j par poleyns. Robert Rasyn habet j brestplate, j par rerbrace, et j par serotecarum, pertinentes communitati, et j polax. Johannes Colton habet j par serotecarum, j par vawmbrace, et j par rerbrace, j par poleyns, j basenet, et j brestplate. Willelmus Kelk habet j basnet, j brestplate, j par serotecarum, j par vawmbrace, et j par rerbrace."

All the entries are scratched through, and "quia reliberantur" written in the margin, except that of Roger Rolleston. Kelk's name is not in the list of armed men or of archers: Thomas Fleteham is one of Petons' archers; the rest are the "armed men."

"Liberatio equorum appreciatorum.

j equus Willelmi Walleys, pretii xvj*s.*, liberatus Thomæ Fleteham, sagittario, sine sella.

j equus Elizabeth Bolys, pretii xij*s.*, liberatus Willelmo Warner, sagittario, sine sella.

j equus Johannis Sixhill, pretii xx*s.*, liberatus Johanni Brereton, sagittario, sine sella.

j equus Randolphi Scotyr, pretii xviii*s.*, liberatus Rogero Rose, famulo Rogeri Rolleston, sine sella.

j equus Roberti Poumfret, sine sella, pretii xj*s.*, liberatus Thomæ Lumbard.

j equus Ricardi Vyolf, cum sella et freno, pretii xx*s.*, liberatus Johanni Colton.

j equus Roberti Kokke, pretii xx*s.*, liberatus Briano Holm et Edmundo Lund pro cariagio suo.

Sursum redditio officii Pastoris de Westwode.

Nicholaus Bird venit hic coram Rogero Rolleston, Thoma Skipwith, Thoma White et sociis suis, septem custodibus villæ Beverlaci, xvj° die Augusti, et sursum reddit officium suum pastoris de Westwode, quia convenit cum Willelmo Petons, Armato, ad

equitandum cum eodem Willelmo versus Scotiam. Qui quidem Nicholaus xxj° die Augusti disoneratus est de officio prædicto, per assensum viij de Custodibus prædicto die simul in gilda aula existentibus, Rogero Rolleston, Johanne Colton, Ricardo Cokerham, et Johanne Cokke, tunc absentibus."

Various fines for trespass of cattle in the Common Averys.

f. 4 *b.* "Radulfus Ward habuit j equum in Comon Averys in crofto vocato Bisschopscroft contra ordinationem, et sciendum quod dictus equus fuit in dicto crofto per spatium xi dierum ad minus. Ideo consideratum quod dicta poena (*sic*) ceperunt.

Die Martis, xj° die Septembris anno xv^mo^ regni Regis Henrici Sexti, Thomas Lumbard de Beverlaco venit coram Rogero Rolleston etc. (xij custodibus) et recognovit se debere 10*l.*," and gave security for payment.

Poena versus carnifices. (12 butchers.)

"Thomas Penreth, Thomas Eddilston, Nicholaus Masseharn, Walter Boyton, Thomas Lawe, Johannes Person, Ricardus Vyoll, Radulphus Abraham, Johannes Danby, Peter Spaldyng, Thomas Fleteham, Robertus Newebald, jurati sunt quod si aliquis eorum in futuro ponat scarne (*sic*), sanguinem, seu aliquid aliud corruptum in publicis stratis, seu Walkerbek, seu in communibus seweris villæ Beverlaci, seu in aliis locis publicis, præterquam per xij Custodes assignati fuerunt, quod extunc quilibet eorum sic delinquens solvat ad usum communitatis xl*s.* sine pardonatione aliquali."

Award.

f. 5 *b.* "Johannes Hornse, Robert Thonham, pro se et xvj aliis, nominatis in j cedula, submiserunt se awardo et judicio Roberti Hoppell et Willelmi Rayner, yoman, pro parte dictorum querentium electorum; et Henricus Abbott, defendens, hic præsens, submisit se awardo et judicio Johannis Nower et Nicholai Masseham arbitrorum electorum pro parte defendentis, ita quod prædicti arbitri finalem finem facient inter partes prædictas die dominica proxima post datum præsentium de omnibus actionibus inter partes pendentibus.

Dat xxviii°. die mensis Septembris anno xv°. regni Regis Henrici Sexti.

Ad curiam Domini Archiepiscopi [*blank in MS.*] die Septembris anno xv^mo.^ regni Regis Henrici Sexti.

Ponderacio Panis.

Johannes Cokke, baxter, habuit j panem album deficientem in pondere - - - - - ij*s.* vj*d.*

Idem Johannes habuit j alium panem album quadrantis deficientem in pondere - - - ij*s.*

Fin. iiij*d.* [This applies to each of the two above mentioned.]

Will Brown, baxter habuit [etc. as above] - ij*s*. vj*d*.
Idem Willelmus habuit j. alium panem [etc.] ij*s*.
Idem Willelmus habuit j panem integrum [etc.] iiij*s*.
(ditto) (ditto) - - iiij*s*.
Roger Kedall habuit j panem album [etc.] - iiij*s*.,
(5 times) ij*s*., iiij*s*., ij*s*., iij*s*., iiij*d*.
Idem Rogerus habuit j panem integrum quadrantis deficientem in pondere - - - - iiij*s*.
(ditto) (ditto) - - iiij*s*.
Idem Rogerus habuit j symnell [etc.] - - ij*s*. viij*d*.
Fin. viij*d*. [This applies to each of the bakers mentioned.]
Ricardus Malery habuit j panem album [etc.] iiij*s*.
Idem Ricardus etc. (4 times) ij*s*., xvij*d*., ij*s*. xx*d*.
Fin. iiij*d*.
Ricardus Goos habet [*sic*] [etc.] - - - xx*d*.
Willelmus Burdon habuit panem nigrum [etc.] ij*s*.,
(4 times) ij*s*., iiij*s*., iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Et sciendum quod panes supradicti ponderati fuerunt ad quarterium frumenti ad iiij*s*. vj*d*.

Et super hoc præceptum est dictis pistoribus ad pistorandum secundum pretium quarterii frumenti ad summam prædictam.

f. 6. xx die Octobris anno xv° regni Regis Henrici VI.

Trans[gressio] pardonatur. Nota.

Johannes Ostiller emebat j sem piscium maretimorum, videlicet codlyng et kelyng, de Thoma Baxter de Paule in præjudicium et forestallationem (etc.) in grave dampnum totius communitatis etc.

Qui venit et disoneratus fuit per juratum suum etc.

Walkers.

Johannes White
Willelmus Hyndeley } Walkers, jurati sunt supervisores et scrutatores artis prædictæ pro anno futuro, xxiiij die Octobris.

xxv die Octobris.

Transgressio 3*d*.

Johannes Dameson, listeter, vel servientes ejus projecerunt fimum (*et cineres* struck out) in Walkerbek contra ordinationem, et poena iij*s*. iiij*d*. Pro qua transgressione submisit se (etc.) Inde recepti iij*d*. ad usum communitatis, et j*d*. liberatus Willelmo Warner pro præsentatione ejusdem transgressionis.

Johannes Payn attachiatur pro xiij bidentibus captis in le Averys contra ordinationem, etc. et pardonatur pro modica transgressione.

Petrus Spaldyng attachiatur pro xj bidentibus. (Fine ij*d*.)

Robertus Newebald attachiatur pro xiij bidentibus ut supra, etc.; transgressio pardonatur, quia juravit quod capti per ascap[ium].

Uxor Ricardi Malery projecit exitus boum in Walkerbek post proclamationem, et poenam iij*s*. iiij*d*.; pro qua (etc., fine 3*d*.)

Elena Waldeby projecit exitus boum et sanguinem in alta via sive in communi venella juxta domum mansionis suæ vocata Schomarketlane, contra ordinationem et poenam prædictam.

Johannes Bawme et Ricardus Cokerham ordinati sunt supervisores Fagottariorum de Westwode hoc anno, capiendo pro labore suo x*s*. de denariis communitatis.

vj die Novembris.

f. 6 *b*. Famulus Willelmi Wellys, vyntner, succidit quercus vocatos *saplyngs* in Westwode, pro qua [etc.] et habet diem Veneris proximum ad exponendum poenam iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Johannes Payne et Ricardus Kirkeby, jurati Fagottarii in Westwode pro anno futuro, et quod habeant nullum Berhoongs (*sic*).

Johannes [Dameson], littester, juxta Cukstolpit, projecit et lavavit exitus boum in Walkerbek contra ordinationem et poenam iij*s*. iiij*d*., pro qua [etc.] vij*d*. ad usum communitatis et j*d*. Willelmi Warner, præsentarii dictæ transgressionis.

Nota bene cariatorum fagottarum.

Willelmus Silver retentus est cum communitate communis cariator fagottarum de Westwode pro anno futuro, capiendo pro qualibet carecta usque Crossebrig, iiij*d*. et ulterius usque Monasterium, Keldgate, et Mynstermoregat, iiij*d*. ob.; et ultra in Flemyngate, Barlyholme et le Bekside usque ad altum pontem, v*d*.

Scrutatores piscium et aliorum jurati.

Johannes Garnthorp - - Willelmus Warner, Taylour	Jurati fuerunt scrutatores et supervisores piscium maritimorum, carnium, et aliorum victualium venientium ad villam, et defectus fideliter praesentandos.

Plegia pro medietate cantariæ Johannis Kelk.

Johannes Esthorp, capellanus, venit hic x die Novembris, et inducit Thomam Humbercott, gentilman, et Willelmum Esthorp, scherman; qui quidem Thomas et Willelmus devenerunt plegia ipsius Johannis Esthorp tam pro reparatione medietatis terrarum et tenementorum cantariæ Johannis Kelk, quam pro solutione xx*s*. ad usum communitatis secundum formam indenturarum inter ipsum capellanum et communitatem factarum.

f. 7. Taxatio secundæ partis xv^{mae} et x^{mae} Domino Regi in ultimo parliamento concessarum, solutarum ad festum Sancti Martini Episcopi anno xv^{no} dicti Regis Henrici.

Extra barras Boreales.

Johannes Dryng Robertus White	Constabularii	Summa xij*s*. iiij*d*. ob.
Radulphus Ward	Juratus	
David Chambir	,,	
Petrus Graybarn	,,	

(and so for each constableship, 2 constables and 4 sworn men.)

The sums assessed were :—

North Bar within - - - -	xxx*s*.		
Corn Market - - - - -	xxxix*s*.	x*d*.	
Walkergate - - - - -	xxvij*s*.		
Alta Via - - - - -	xx*s*.		
Fishmarket - - - - -	xxviij*s*.	xj*d*.	
Keldgat Abp. - - - -	xiij*s*.	iiij*d*.	
Lethgate - - - - -	xxviij*s*.	j*d*.	ob.
Flemyngate - - - - -	xxvij*s*.	vj*d*.	ob.
Barlyholm - - - - -	xxviij*s*.	xj*d*.	ob.
Feod. Præpos. - - - -	xv*s*.		
Apudle Bek in Norwood - - -	xij*s*.	vj*d*.	
Keldegate - - - - -	vij*s*.	vj*d*.	
Feod. capitale - - - -	iiij*s*.	xj*d*.	

Submissio.

f. 7 *b.* Willelmus Silvyr, communis sergiens, pro Margareta uxore sua submisit se in gratiam communitatis pro transgressione facta tam communitati quam Willemo Kepik, subulco, et uxori suæ; pro qua transgressione exposuit in gratiam, nomine xl*s*., xxj*s*. x*d*. Inde soluti dicto Willelmo Kepik pro damnis et expensis suis vij*s*. vj*d*., et Waltero Dunham et Thomæ Bridyng pro feodo curiæ Domini attornatis ij*s*.

xxvij die Novembris.

Praesentatum erat quod John Couke, baxter, hospitavit frumentum die Sabbati ultimo prædicto contra ordinationem et poenam vj*s*. viij*d*. pro qua (etc., fine 4*d*.)

Uxor Willelmi lavavit etc. in Walkerbek (etc.) sed postea transgressio pardonatur quia probatum fuit per vicinos de Walkerbek quod non lavavit.

Dimissio trium anteriorum schopparum et j posterioris in lez Dynges: (Lease for 40 years at 48*s*. 4*d*. a year.)

Captio panis.

Ad Gildam Aulam in vigilia Natalis Domini anno regi Regis Henrici vi^e^ xv^mo^.

Roger Kedall habuit j Fewes, (*sic*) long, j*d*. deficient. in pondere. xx*d*.

Idem habuit j alium Fewes, etc. (twice) iiij*s*. and v*s*.

Et sciendum quod prædicti panes ponderati fuerunt ad quarterium frumenti ad iiij*s*. vj*d*.

Sersours [Searchers].

Johannis Hornsea
Robertus Thornham } electi sunt scrutatores et supervisores artis Cissorum, et jurati sunt primo die Februarii.

Tonge. Johannes Goodsall, mercator, venit hic prædicto die et sursum reddidit in manus communitatis communem pasturam de Tong erga festum Purificationis proximum, et solvit firmam ejusdem pasturæ xxvj*s*. viij*d*. pro anno ultimo elapso.

f. 8 *b*. Johannes Brigehouse, webster, pro rebellione et injusta gubernatione sua versus Aldermannum artis suæ submisit se in gratiam xij Gubernatorum, xviij° die Februarii, et exposuit iij*s*. iiij*d*. tam ad usum communitatis quam artis prædictæ, et transgressio pardonatur etc. sub conditione quod amodo in future non facturus.

Supervisores. Johannes Bayledon et Willelmus Belasys electi sunt scrutatores et supervisores artis Textorum pro anno futuro; et jurati sunt prædicto die a° x^mo^ H. VI.

Conditio obligationis inter Abbatem de Ryvaux et Marger-(etam) Tirwhit, Willelmum Sowleby de Beverlaco in comitatu Ebor, gentilman etc., et Thomam Davell de Beverlaco prædicto, gentilman, in xx^li^, 5 Mar. 15 H. VI.

Conditio istius obligationis est quod si prædicti Willelmus et Thomas et eorumque uterque stent et stet ordinationi et judicio xij Gubernatorum, vel septem eorum, de quadam transgressione pro qua Abbas de Ryvaux prosequitur breve regium contra Margaretam Tyrwhitt et Willelmum Sowleby de Beverlaco, necnon de titulo, jure et possessione cujusdam ripæ in qua dictus Abbas supponit transgressionem ipsam fieri, ita quod eorum judicium reddatur citra festum Paschæ proximum, et uterque prædictorum Willelmi et Thomæ prædictum judicium perimpleant, quod extunc prædicta obligatio pro nulla habeatur, alioquin in suo robore permaneat et virtute.

Littera sub communi sigillo.

Una littera sub communi sigillo majoris folii liberata erat domino Henrico Grove, Sacristæ ecclesiæ collegiatæ sancti Johannis Beverlaci, pro declaratione innocentiæ j mulieris apud Lincoln pro suspicione feloniæ ibidem captæ et incarceratæ. E sciendum quod dictus dominus Henricus xxij die Martii anno supradicto pro dicta littera manucepit reliberari post festum Sancti Michaelis proximum.

Sursum redditio pasturæ communitatis dictæ Tonge "at Beck end."

Willelmus Goodsall, famulus Agnetis Brompton, venit hic coram Rogero Rolleston et sociis suis xxij die Martii, et sursum reddit eisdem ad usum communitatis pasturam vocatam Tonge in fine Torrentis, nomine dictæ Agnetis etc.

Licentiata est Alicia Alkebarow prædicto die ad promovendum communem legem versus Willelmum Warner, yoman.

Johannes Person, corvesour, venit hic coram Custodibus anni instantis, et manucepit indictare Johannem Thomas de Swyne, barker, pro defectu in una pecia corii non sufficienter tannati: et quod habeat ipsum Johannem Thomas coram dictis Custodibus die Martis proxima in xiiij dies, ad expectandum gratiam dictorum Custodum in omnibus ordinationibus suis pro transgressione prædicta. Qui quidem Thomas venit hic et submisit se in gratiam et exposuit v*s*. Inde recepti vj*d*. [etc.]

Johannes Fery, corvesour, pro defectu in j pecia corii non sufficienter tannati submisit se [etc.] Et idem Johannes dicit quod prædicta pecia corii fuit Johannis Thomas, barker, qui venit [etc.] Inde recepti vj*d*. ad usum communitatis et vj$^{d.}$ ad usum artis Tannatorum, et residuum [etc.]

Transgressio pardonatur.

Præsentatum erat de Johanne Ostiller quod ipse est communis foristallator piscium marinorum in Beverlaco, et specialiter de Symone Est de Halltham juxta Skipsee, ita [quod] ex conventione facta inter ipsos præfatus Johannes habebit liberationem piscium maritimorum per dictum Simonem apud Stanfery, Wannfery, et Weelfery, in grave dampnum et præjudicium communitatis, et deceptionem communis populi, etc.

Conceditur caritative Johannæ Cotom et Aliciæ Douce duos lectos (*sic*) in le Masyndew apud Crossebrig.

Famulus Thomæ Bevyngton, barker, forisstallavit pelles bovium et vaccarum apud Hulbrigg contra legem [etc. fine ij$^{d.}$]

f. 9 *b*. *Dimissio iiij^{or} anteriorum schopparum et j posterioris in lez Dynges.*

Robertus Jakson de Beverlaco, draper, de novo cepit de ix de xii Custodibus anni instantis, vj^{to} die mensis Aprilis anno xv^{mo} regni Regis Henrici VI, quatuor schoppas anteriores in australi parte dez Dynges in Beverlaco et unam schoppam posteriorem ibidem; unde una schoppa anterior et alia schoppa posterior die confectionis præsentium est sub tenura Johannis Cokke, draper, secunda schoppa sub tenura Willelmi Cokke, tertia schoppa sub tenura dicti Roberti Jackson, et quarta schoppa sub tenura Rogeri Cokyrham, mercer. Habendum et tenendum [etc.] a festo Martini Episcopi in hyeme ultimo præterito ad finem quadraginta annorum [rent 5*s*. 4*d*. of silver at Pentecost and Martinmas]. Et idem Robertus Jakson

et hæredes sui post festum Nativ. Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proxime futurum post datam præfixam de novo competenter ædificabunt, seu ædificabit, totam australem partem de les Dynges prædictas cum una aula et duabus cameris. Et hoc erit per assensum et supervisum prædictorum xij Custodum qui sunt, vel successorum suorum qui pro tempore fuerint. Ad quam quidem ædificationem idem Robertus Jakson et hæredes sui invenient meremium et artificium ac omnia alia prædictis aulæ et cameris necessaria, suis propriis costagiis et expensis: et post ædificationem prædictarum aulæ et camerarum, sic ut præmittitur, per ipsum Robertum Jakson vel hæredes suos competenter finitarum, extunc xij Custodes sive Gubernatores villæ prædictæ qui pro tempore fuerint prædictas aulam et cameras ac omnes alias schoppas superius specificatas, in omnibus quibus oportunum fuerit reparabunt, sustentabunt et manutenebunt bene et competenter, sumptibus et expensis communitatis durante toto termino supradicto.

Disoneratio burgensiæ uxoris nuper Roberti Lambard, laborer, et filiorum ejus.

Memorandum quod uxor nuper Roberti Lambard venit hic coram vij Custodibus, et sursum reddit totum proficuum burgensiæ suæ in pura viduitate sua pro disoneratione solutionis x*s*. communitati per ipsum Robertum debitorum de arreragiis burgensiæ suæ. Et ulterius dicta vidua juravit quod filii ejus disonerantur de libertate sua virtute disonerationis dictorum x*s*. in futurum etc.

Claves: Walterus Barbour habet clavem Johannis Sleforth. Thomas Swanland habet clavem Willelmi Northorpp.

Memorandum quod Willelmus Jamys, thaylour, promisit solvere Custodibus anni sequentis in festo Natalis Domini proximo de arreragiis burgensiæ suæ, iij*s*. iiij*d*.

f. 10. [*Torn away.*]

f. 11. *Porters et Crelers*: Willelmus Kirkeman, Willelmus Wedirby, et Ricardus Blitton retenti sunt in officio portitorum et crelers pro anno futuro, et jurati sunt.

Thomas Ulceby et Johannes Gilbert retenti sunt in officio de crelers pro anno futuro, et jurati sunt modo consueto.

Thomas Garnthorp et Willelmus Warner, taylor, retenti sunt in officio supervisorum victualium venalium pro anno futuro, et jurati sunt.

Raker: Willelmus Pape retentus est in officio scobatoris communis mercati pro anno futuro, et juratus.

Naylers: Rob. Williamson (*and* 6 *others*) Naylers concordant cum Custodibus anni instantis in crastino Ascencionis Dominicæ pro ij*s*. quia nesciunt declarare quot milliaria habuerunt. Ideo totum captum.

Lectus apud Crossebrig: Robertus Waltham admissus est caritative ad unum lectum vacantem in domo Trinitatis apud Crossebrig et juratus est [etc.] xiij. die Maii.

Præsentatur de Roberto Potager et Johanne Ostiller quod ipsi insimul foristallaverunt vj . . . piscium maritimorum ij hominum de Scardeburgh, videlicet xij semes kelyngs, buttes, scates et aliorum piscium, die dominica post nonam proxima ante dies Rogationis ultimos præteritos ante datam præsentium, [ad] grave dampnum etc. Qui quidem Robertus et Johannes venerunt et juraverunt quod nullos pisces de dictis hominibus non (*sic*, a double negative) emerunt, et sic per juramentum suum recesserunt quieti, etc.

Præsentatum est de Willelmo Gelle quod ipse prædictis diebus Rogationum foristallavit de j homine de Filay certas kelyngs modo præmisso.

f. 11 *b.* xxiiij° die mensis Maii anno xv^mo Henrici VI. Will. Barton, barker, attachiatur pro j equo capto in Westwode et reliberatur per plegium H. Tasker, et pardonatur sub conditione quod die Martis proximo veniet hic et inducet plegium pro burgensia sua.

Adam Agodshalf de Burton, swynard, pro j equo capto in Westwode (etc., fine vj*d.*).

Will Cokke pro j equo geldyng. Pardonatur quia juravit quod veniebat per escapium extra Walkyngton Wode.

John Wallys pro serviente suo submisit se in gratiam pro eo quod ipse succidit ramos quercus in Westwode contra ordinationem, et juravit quod nescivit. Inde ideo disoneratur de transgressione.

Serviens Ric. Vyoll, bocher, [the same is pardoned, as for a trivial fault].

Sewer.—Ordinatum est quod quilibet manens super seweram et Cukstolpitt usque Walkerbek mundabit partem suam post diem Veneris proximum in xiiij dies, sub pœna cujuslibet in contrarium facientis xij*d.*

Forestalling salmon.—Præsentatum est ultimo die Maii anno supradicto quod Robertus Skipsee emebat unum salmonen de j homine citra burghum, pro x*d.*, et revendidit communitati pro xx*d.* in regratura et grave dampnum communitatis et communis populi. (Fine 2*d.*)

Stinking fish.—Item quod mater Johannis Ostiller, fischer, vendidit pisce[m] fetid[um] unius hominis de Kylnese. (Fine 2*d.*)

ff. 12-13. Subscripti nominati assignati sunt pro sagittariis inveniendis versus Scotiam ultimo die Junii anno xv^mo Henrici Sexti.

[The names given amount in number to:—

33 Extra Barras Boriales
42 Infra ,, ,,
35 Walkergate
34 Cornmarket
50 Alta Via
43 Fischmarkett

	48	Lathgate
	30	Keldegate Archiepiscopi
	22	Keldegate Præposituræ
	18	Feodo Præposituræ in Norwode
	73	Flemmyngate
	41	Barliholm
	38	Feodo Præposituræ ad Torrentem
	22	,, Capituli
Total	529]	

f. 14. Anno xv° regni Regis Henrici VI.

Joh. Tapping, baxter, venit hic ultimo die Junii, et fatetur ix de xii Custodibus, quod ipse emebat de Agnete Geer, vidua, dimidium quarterium frumenti die Sabbati ultimo præterito ante diem præscriptum, et dictum frumentum hospitabat dicto die contra ordinationem et pœnam vj*s*. viij*d*. [pro qua etc.; fine ij*d*.]

Scrutatores Fabrorum: V^to^ die Julii, John Dryng et Willelmus Smith de Keldegat.

xij die Julii, Johannes Carter, potter, reprobavit Radulphum Ebirstone, Aldermannum suum, verbis contumeliosis et inhonestis, pro qua (etc.) habet diem Martis proximum. Idem Johannes habet dictum diem ad exponendum in gratiam xii Gubernatoribus xx*s*. eo quod ipse vendidit ollas ad lez Tynkelers et aliis hominibus contra ordinationem et pœnam. Willelmus King, potter, fatetur dictam transgressionem et pardonatur quia pauper.

Captio panis. Ad Gildam Aulam xxvj^to^ die Julii a° xv° r.r. H. VI. Ric. Ayer, baxter, habuit ij panes nigros, utrumque eorum de quadrante et deficientem in pondere utrumque eorum, iiij*s*. viij*d*. Et sciendum quod prædicti panes ponderati fuerunt ad quarterium frumenti vj*s*.

Dimissio. Sibbota, littester, venit hic in Aula et cepit de viij Custodibus anni instantis unum tenementum communitatis extra barras boriales proximum juxta domus elemosinarias Beatæ Mariæ Virginis ibidem, ad finem quatuor annorum . . . Reddendo inde . . . viij*s*. Et communitas dictum tenementum reparabit. Dat. sexto die mensis Augusti a° r.r. H. VI. xv°.

xx° die Aug. Thomas Lawe, Walterus Boyton, jurati sunt scrutatores artis Carnificum.

f. 14 *b*. Taxatio iiij^tae^ partis xv^mae^ et x^mae^ solutæ in festo S. Michælis Archangeli anno xvj^mo^ r.r. Henr. VI. (Same amounts as before.)

f. 15. Famulus Thomæ Hondisworth, glover, fugavit j equum magistri sui ultra foveam de Swynmore, xxvij° die Augusti, pro qua (etc.; fine ij*d*.)

Willelmus Esthorp, scherman, scidit dimidium pannum laneum magistri Thomæ Skipewith non aquatum, ideo forisfecit ad Gildam Aulam xl*d.*, et arti de Schermannorum xl*d.*, pro qua transgressione summonitus erat ad respondendum tam communitati quam arti prædictæ sub pœna vj*d.*, et non venit. Qui venit xij die Novembris et exposuit vj*s.* viij*d.* Inde recepti ad usum communitatis xvj*d.* et ad usum artis xx*d.* [etc.]

f. 16 *b.* Nich. Masham fugavit j carectam cum fœno ultra catenam apud Eastgate sine licentia. (Fine 4*d.*)

j° die Octobris licentiatus est Johannes Sesaa ad prosequendum legem versus Johannem Brereton.

iiij^to^ die Octobris conceditur Ricardo Malery et sociis suis pistoribus villæ Beverlaci quod pistorabunt panes venales ad xj*s.* quousque aliter eis præceptum fuerit per vij Gubernatores anni instantis.

Joh. Barker, sporyour, fugavit j carectam ultra catenam pendentem in Eastgate super novo paviamento. (Fine ij*d.*)

Rogerus Kedall reprobavit gubernationem xij Custodum in ponderatione panis ad Aulam domini Archiepiscopi, et dixit quod ubi ipsi ponderaverunt panes ad v*s.* vj*d.*, deberent ponderare ad vj*s.*

f. 17. Nicholas Brid receptus est ad officium subulci Beverlaci in festo Omnium Sanctorum ad festum S. Marci proximum futurum.

Captio panis ad Gildam Aulam v° die Nov. a° xvj r.r. H. VI.

Ad quam diem Ricardus Malory habuit j panem album oboli, deficientem in pondere - - - - - -	ij*s.* vj*d.*
Idem Ricardus habuit alium panem nigrum oboli, &c. (*twice*) - - -	v*s.* and xx*d.*
Will. Brown (*twice*) - - - -	xx*d.* and ij*s.* vj*d.*
Rogerus Kedall - - - - -	v*s.*

Et sciendum quod panes supradicti ponderati fuerunt ad pretium quarterii frumenti ad xij*s.*

Collector paviagii ad Torrentem. Rob. Grene, barber, electus est de novo ad officium Collectoris Paviagii ad Torrentem et juratus est xviij die Novembris.

f. 17 *b.* Taxatio mediatæ partis xv^mae^ at x^mae^ solutæ anno xvj^mo^ regni Regis H. VI. ad festum S. Martini Episcopi.

[The sums are double those on *f.* 7. above.]

f. 18. *Pastura de Westwode.* Willelmus Burton de Stock retentus est cum communitate ultimo die mensis Januarii a dicto die usque in festum S. Marci Evang. tunc proximum sequens, et juratus (etc.) quod faciat gappos circa dictam pasturam sufficienter, et quod fideliter præsentet defectus et transgressiones factos tam per burgenses quam per alios; et invenit plegia Johannem Bellysore, barker, et Thomam Braddok, webster.

Dimissio Thoralis Calcis vivi. Ultimo die Feb. [Patrick Knight surrenders the quicklime-kiln and quarry thereto belonging. Leased again for 4 years at 40/- a year.]

iiij^{to} die Martii 1437, Joh. Kirkeby de Mollescroft posuit in Parrok lx bidentes contra ordinationem. Fine 20*d.* (full fine 2*d.* a bident.)

Dimissio medietatis venellæ juxta Briddal myddyng (let at rent of 6*d.* a year).

Ric. Clifton, webster, pro defectu artificii sui invento in medietate j panni lanei Ric. Halytreholm, barber, submisit se in gratiam pro dicta transgressione, et habet diem Martis proximum ad exponendum vj*s.* viij*d.* ad usum communitatis et artis prædictæ.

Johannes Briggehous, webster, pro defectu artificii sui invento in medietate alterius panni lanei Aliciæ Marshall, nuper uxoris Ric. Marshall, mercer, submisit se in gratiam (etc. ut supra). Et fullones Beverlaci noluerunt operare dictum pannum quia non erat habilis: ideo ipse Johannes Burgeys posuit dictum pannum ad unum fullonem patriæ in deceptionem et defraudationem communis populi etc. Et summa prædicta remanet in communi bursa quousque xij Custodes inde melius avisiantur. Inde recepti xx*d.* xviii^{o} die Aprilis, et residuum condonatur graciose sub conditione qua supra, quod amodo non faciet.

Ponderatio panis ad curiam domini Archiepiscopi ultimo die Martii anno xvj^{mo} r.r. Henrici VI.

Fine.

iiij*d.*	Will Brown habuit j wastell long oboli deficientem in pondere	xx*d.*
iiij*d.*	Idem (do.) j alium wastell (ditto)	xx*d.*
iij*d.*	,, ,, j panem album ,,	xij*d.*
vj*d.*	Ric Goos habuit j wastell long (etc.)	xiiij*d.*
vj*d.*	Rog. Kedall ,, j panem album	ij*s.* viij*d.*
iij*d.*	Idem ,, ,,	xviij*d.*
iij*d.*	Idem ,, ,,	xij*d.*
iij*d.*	Joh. West ,, ,,	xij*d.*
iij*d.*	Ric. Malery ,, ,,	xij*d.*
	Secundum pretium frumenti prædicta pondera fuerunt ad	xiij*s.* vj*d.*

Quarto die Aprilis anno supradicto Rob. Halytreholm monitus est ad exponendum in gratiam xij Custodum die Martis proximo futuro xl*s.*; pro eo quod ipse præsentavit nomina Willelmi Spenser, Walteri Barbour, Stephani Tilson, Nicholai Brompton, Thomæ Neweburgh, et aliorum burgensium villæ Beverlaci in curia domini Archiepiscopi pro fimario posito in Aldegat; per quam præsentationem ipsi indictati existunt, [in] grave dampnum partium prædictarum et præjudicium totius communitatis.

f. 19. Th. Braddock, Ric. Baty - - } websters, viij^{o} die Aprilis, electi, scrutatores.

Dimissio communis pasturæ de Tong. John Ousterby, marchaunt, takes "communem pasturam communitatis vocatam le

Tong prout jacet ad finem torrentis Beverlaci," for 2 years; rent xxvj*s*. viij*d*.; he to repair "ripas et foveas": the community to have "proficuum omnium salicium."

Electio. 15 names, including "Magister Thomas Driffield," of whom 12 marked "juratus."

Claves. Johannes Shipworth habet clavem communis cistæ
Walteri Barbour in
Will Lorymer do. Th. Swanland Thesaurario.

f. 19 *b*. 1438. *Kynwaldgraves*. Conceditur caritative confratribus et sororibus de Kynwaldgravys, et licenciatur eisdem, habere x vaccas et j taurum ad pasturandum infra pasturam de Westwode pro hoc anno tantum, et nullos porcos.

Collectores paviagii. Rob. Kirkeham retentus est in officium collectoris Paviagii ad Kelgat-barre, et juratus est, et habet pixidem.

Ric. Richemong et Will. Marton...ad Barras boriales
Grene ... ...in Norwode
Rob. Grene ... ...ad Torrentem et habet pixidem.

Belman. Joh. Ridyngs retentus est in officium communis campanarii pro anno futuro, et juratus est modo consueto.

Raker. Will Pape retentus (etc.) mundatoris et scobatoris communis mercati.

Five of the Twelve Governors "habent claves communis cistæ in Thesauraria."

Joh. Thorn retentus [etc.] communis clerici.
W. Silver ,, ,, sergientis.

Pastores. Johannes Ridynges retentus est in officium Pastoris de Swynmore pro anno futuro et juratus.

Thomas Arows retentus est cum communitate in officium Pastoris de Fegang pro anno futuro, et juratus est quod bene et fideliter custodiet animalia communitatis sibi liberata, et pro eis respondebit per plegia Philippi de Thorne et Roberti Belton, barbour, etc.

Et ordinatum est ij^{do} die Maii anno xvj^{mo} r.r. Henrici sexti per assensum ix de xij Custodibus infra Gildam Aulam existentium quod si uterque prædictorum Pastorum recipiat animalia communitatis Beverlaci in pasturis prædictis nisi tantum recipiat, et uterque eorum per se recipiat, pro quolibet animali ij*d*., extunc ipsi vel ipse qui contra hanc ordinationem præsumpserit (*sic*) solvant seu solvat pro quolibet animali infra dictam pasturam invento per Custodes prædictos xij*d*. ad usum communitatis, sine pardonatione aliquali.

f. 20 *b*. *Spiculatores*. Willelmus Johnson, Symon Herforth, et Johannes Wardelowe retenti cum communitate in officium Spiculatorum Beverlaci xiij die Maii anno supradicto, usque festum S. Marci Evang. proximum futurum, capiendo nomine salarii sui de denariis communitatis xxxvj*s*. viij*d*., et quod quilibet dictorum Spiculatorum habebit j scutum de communitate, et jurati sunt quod serviant communitati in officio suo præscripto usque

festum S. Marci supradictum etc. Et liberantur prædictis Johanni Wardelow et Willelmo Johnson, Spiculatoribus, ij scuti communitatis argentei per plegiam Johannis Colton, yoman, præsentis, et Nicholai Brompton absentis. Postea Symon Herforth supradictus devillavit; pro quo dicti Spiculatores habent j puerum loco dicti Symonis, pro quo puero allocabitur pro labore suo vj*s*. viij*d*. usque festum S. Marci proximum. Et sic dicti Spiculatores habuerunt pro se et puero suo hoc anno tantum xxxiij*s*. iij*d*.

Nicholas Bird retentus est in officium subulci Beverlaci pro anno futuro modo consueto, et juratus est.

Die Veneris ij° die Maii anno supradicto Nicholas Brompton et Ricardus Halitreholm electi sunt et ordinati supervisores defectuum pasturæ de Fegang pro anno futuro, et ordinati sunt appreciatores bonorum ad Torrentem provenientium hoc anno (etc.)

Robertus Jakson et Ricardus Cosyn electi sunt supervisores defectuum pasturæ de Swynmore (etc.)

Johannes Skipwith et Willelmus Lyncoln ordinati sunt supervisores pavamenti Beverlaci, et defectus corrigendi etc.

Johannes Bewme et Walterus Middleton ordinati sunt supervisores reparationis cantariæ Johannis Ake apud Crossebrig hoc anno. (*The last named* 8 *were Governors.*)

Dimissio croffti extra Barr. Borial. Ric. Biale and John Danby, barber, take a croft belonging to the Gild of S. John of Beverley for a year. Rent 20*s*. Governors to have free access to "les gravel pitts" to bake clay ("argillo").

Naylers.—John Grene, William Pees and 4 others, naylers, "concordant cum Custodibus anni instantis in crastino Ascensionis Domini pro ij*s*. vj*d*., quia nesciunt declarare quot milliaria habuerunt; ideo totum captum." [This is in effect a regular payment made by the Naylers for pavage instead of so much a thousand of nails made or sold at the fairs.]

f. 21. *Crelers.*—Th. Ulceby, Ric. Blyton ordinati sunt cariatores rerum venalium ad Torrentem, et jurati sunt pro anno futuro quod bene et fideliter mensurabunt et cariabunt omnia ibidem venientia etc. et quod habeant saccos et creles ad serviendum communitati etc.

f. 21 *b*. Ponderatio panis. Ad curiam domini Archiepiscopi x die Junii a° xvj^mo^ H. VI.

Misericordia in omnibus viij*d*.	Willemus Brown, baxter, habuit panem album, oboli, deficientem in pondere - -	xvj*d*.
	Roger Kedall ditto ditto -	xvj*d*.
	,, ditto ditto -	xvj*d*.
,, xvj*d*.	Richard Malery ditto ditto -	xx*d*.
	Idem Rich., habuit j. ditto ditto -	xx*d*.
	,, ,, ij. ditto uterque -	xx*d*.
	,, ,, ; alium panem ditto -	xvj*d*.
	Et panes supradicti ponderati fuerunt secundum pretium frumenti ad -	xiiij*s*.

iij Julii. Robertus Barton, taylour, pro defectu in j toga mulieris per supervisores artis cissorum præsentatus, submisit se (etc.) (Fine 3*d.* and 3*d.* to craft.)

Ricardus Gilmyn, husband[man], posuit j boviculum ij annorum per spatium ij annorum infra pasturam de Westwode contra ordinationem. Exposuit iij*s.* iiij*d.* (Fine vj*d.*)

f. 22. *Lectus in Masyndew.* Johanna Robynson nuper commorans in Estlyngton admissa est caritative ad unum lectum infra domum sanctæ Trinitatis apud Crossebrig, et jurata est xxviij° die Aug. anno supradicto.

Transgressio: recepti xij*d.* Alicia Barbour, vidua, pro j equo capto in le Averys (etc.) quia multum transgressa fuit versus communitatem in falcatione herbagii communis foveæ in Spay Dyk sine licentia, ideo totum captum ad præsens etc.

Lectus. Joh. Ratheby to "Domus S. Trinitatis, xxij° die Augusti."

f. 22 *b.* Taxatio secundæ medietatis xv^{mae} et x^{mae} anno xvij° r.r. Henrici VI. [The same sums as last time.]

f. 23. *Admissio capellani.* xij Septembris. Johannes Walkyngton, capellanus, admissus est unus capellanorum cantariæ Johannis Kelke in omnibus sicut W. Holme capellanus nuper habuit; et pro onere et reparacione medietatis terrarum et tenementorum prædictæ cantariæ devenerunt plegiis (*sic*) et manucaptores [*four named*] coram ix de xij Custodibus, etc.

Supervisores de Westwode. Rob. Jakson et W. Pengcok ordinati sunt supervisores fagottarum de Westwode hoc anno.

Fagottarii.

Hugo Batirby Ricardus Kirkeby	jurati sunt ad faciendum fagottas de Westwode fideliter hoc anno, et habebunt nullam berharnes, et ad illud officium (etc.) jurati sunt.

Plegii Johannis Esthorpp, capellani. J. Esthorp, capellanus, venit hic coram vij de xij Custodibus xv die Novembris, et inducit Joh. Barbour, capellanum cantariæ capellæ de Hulbrig, et W. Esthorp, qui quidem devenerunt plegii et manucaptores dicti J. Esthorp tam pro reparacione medietatis cantariæ Johannis Kelke quam pro solucione xx*s.* ad usum communitatis ad terminos usuales, secundum formam indenturæ inter ipsum (etc.) et communitatem factæ.

[Hitherto copious extracts and often the whole entries have been given. As the rest of the volume is mainly a repetition of the same kind of entries, only those having some novelty or specially noticeable are hereafter selected.]

f. 23 *b.* Richardus Langham, sadiller, venit hic coram Thoma Mayn et viij aliis dictorum xij Custodum penultimo die Januarii et

submisit (etc.), eo quod ipse fecit rescussum contra communem sergientem . . . facientem officium suum; pro qua transgressione habet diem Veneris in quindenam proxime futuram: . . . Condonatur.

Robertus Downys, corvesour, prædicto die submisit (etc.) eo quod ipse consilium fraternitatis suæ illicite scandalizavit, contra ordinacionem . . . Postea probatum fuit quod non transgressus fuit: ideo ad præsens sit inde quietus.

f. 24. Ponderatio Panis. 15 Feb., 17 Henry VI. Price per quarter, 15*s.* "Et omnes pistores habent in mandato quod pistorabunt secundum quarterium frumenti ad xvj*s.* vj*d.*"

St. Gelicroft let for 12 years for 4 marks a year.

Rob. Jackson, draper, "cepit de sociis suis Custodibus superius nominatis unam posteriorem schoppam in les Dynges supra quam ædificatum est unum Campanile" for 25 years at 4*s.*, the Keepers to repair the Belltower.

26 *b.* "Memorandum de divisione tenementorum pertinentium cantariæ Johannis de Kelk xxvj° die Junii, A.D. 1439.

"Pars Johannis Colman, capellani": 2 crofts 12*s.* and 24*s.* a year, a grange, and 3 cottages in North Bar Without; a cottage, 2 tenements, and a dovecot on west side of the street; 2 cottages in Couper lane, 3 cottages in Wodelane, 2 cottages in Lathgate, one in Fishmarket moregatelane, a tenement in Cornmarket, one in Smiths' row ("rangea Fabrorum") a waste piece in Shomarketlane, a stable in Podynglane; two rents from the Churchwardens of S. Mary's, one in Mercer's Row. Total, £9 0*s.* 4*d.* Outgoings—To William Ledys, 13*s.* The Archbishop, 8*s.* 2½*d.* Executors of John Ellicutt, 7½*d.*

John Colman admitted Chaplain this same day.

John Easthorp re-admitted.

Pars Domini J. Esthorp. Two crofts, 8 cottages and a grange in North Bar Without, a tenement and cottage in Lathgate, 2 cottages in Couper lane, 3 in Wodelane, a cottage in Keldegate, tenement in Highgate, tenement of a "coverlite webster" at corner of Bowbriglane by Walkergate, 3 tenements in Ladygate, small tenement in Bakhouslane, cottage in Podynglane. Total, £8 9*s.* 6*d.* Outgoings the same.

f. 25. S. Mark's Day 1439. Among the 12 Governors is Master Thomas Driffeld, who was one of the Canons Residentiary of the Minster.

f. 25 *b.* "Willelmus Sixhill habet j pixidem cum carta Domini Regis nunc, et aliis evidentiis sigillatis cum sigillo J. Ulceby."

"Rob. Kirkham cepit j gardinum, partem domus Leprosorum extra Keldegatbarr."

f. 29. Last day of Oct. John Colman resigns Kelke's Chantry. xiiij° Nov. 18 H. VI. John Barbour inducted by J. Esthorp to half of Kelke's Chantry.

31 Oct. Price of corn 6*s*. 6*d*. To bake at 8*s*.

f. 29 *b*. 4 Dec. Buyers of oats not to enter Beverley Cornmarket before 12 noon.

18 Jan. Price [of bread] 8*s*. 6*d*.

f. 32. "Pœna tarde venientium, A.D. 1440. Ordinatum est et firmiter concessum die prædicto (*viz.* S. Mark's day) quod quilibet de xij Custodibus juratis qui præsens in villa aliquibus diebus sessionum et non venerit ad horam primam, nona percussa, post tertium ictum super mensam, solvet iij*d*. totiens quotiens; exponet indilate. Et in dicta ordinatione x de xij præsentes in aula, Edmundo Brakynburgh, Johanne Baum tunc absentibus.

Una equa gray Ricardi Aumfray de Cotygham liberata pro wayf ad ballium Domini Præpositi Beverlacensis post proclamationem inde factam vj° die Maii anno prædicto; idem Ric. venit hic et concordavit cum ix de xij Custodibus pro herbagio et costagio factis per communitatem xij*d*., sicut ex antiquo ordinatum fuit. Inde recepti iiij*d*. et residuum condonatur graciose.

f. 32 *b*. A.D. millesimo cccc^mo^ xl°. In festo Sancti Marci Evangelistæ Johannes Wardelow, Robertus Congilton et Thomas Seman retenti sunt cum communitate in officio Spiculatorum Beverlaci a dicto die usque ad festum Sancti Marci Evangelistæ, capiendo nomine salarii sui xxxiij*s*. iiij*d*. ad terminos usuales, per plegia David Chambir pro dicto Roberto et magistri Thomæ Driffeld pro dictis Johanne et Thoma etc. Postea liberantur dictis Spiculatoribus iij scuti argentei cum pertinentiis communitatis prædictæ, ponderis xiiij unciarum, dimidiæ, et dimidiæ quartæ unius unciæ; precii xxxvj*s*. vij*d*. Et soluti pro operacione dictorum scutorum de denariis communitatis xij*s*. per plegia ut supra.

f. 33. 3 Supervisores pasturæ de Fegang operis Torrentis et pavamenti in Flemyngate et appreciatores bonorum venalium pervenientium hoc anno ad Torrentem.

3 Supervisores operis de Dynges et pavamenti juxta ecclesiam Beatæ Mariæ.

2 Supervisores et Gubernatores pauperum Domorum Elemosinariarum apud Crossebrig.

2 Supervisores operariorum de Westwode.

2 Supervisores defectuum pasturæ de Swynmor.

f. 33 *b*. John Poynton admitted to half Kelk's Chantry at stipend of 6 marks; and John Esthorp re-admitted to other half at stipend of 6½ marks and to have his mother's house at 5*s*. rent.

f. 34. John Ulceby, jun., bocher, "vendidit carnem bovinam de carion die Dominico ultimo præterito ante dictum diem," (9 August); fine 8*d.*

Ponderatio Panis. 18 May, price 8*s.* 6*d.* a quarter, 2 July, price 7*s.* a quarter.

Disoneratio Burgensiæ. "Willelmus Hardynges, magister scolarum, venit hic vj° die Septembris anno xix° H. VI. Habet diem Martis proximum in viij dies ad exponendum in gratiam xij Custodibus anni instantis, xx*s.*, pro injusta gubernatione sua contra ordinationem de vaccis lacteis positis in pastura de Fegang ut infra. Qui venit hic coram Rogero Rolleston, Thoma White, Thoma Shipwith, Johanne Sleforth, Johanne Morethwayte, Willelmo Persson et Radulpho Abraham, vij de xij^{cim} Gubernatoribus villæ præsentibus hic, et dedicit dictam pœnam forisfacturum ad exponendum in gratiam. Ideo secundum ordinationem registratam disoneratur de libertate sua ultimo die mensis Septembris anno xix H. VI. *Respice ulterius postea.*" (*f.* 37 *b.*)

A glover for like offence, submitting, is pardoned. Rob. Bolton for like offence "quia noluit gubernari per ordinationem registratam, ideo disoneratur de libertate sua."

Disoneratio burgensiæ Johannis Sleforth. Die Lunæ xij° die mensis Septembris anno xix° H. VI., in præsentia venerabilium et burgensium villæ Beverlaci simul existentium infra Gildam Aulam, et unanimi assensu et consensu dictorum venerabilium et burgensium, Johannes Sleforth disoneratus est de libertate burgensiæ suæ, pro eo quod ipse disoneravit Burgenses Beverlaci de lez Averys unius crofti sui juxta capellam Sancti Thomæ extra Keldgatebarr nuper Johannis Nandyk. Ad hoc consentierunt Rogerus Rollyston, Johannes Brompton, Th. Shipwith, Th. Whyte, Joh. Conton, Joh. Morethwayte, Will. Persson, John Davydson et Rad. Abraham, ix de xij^{cim} anni instantis.

Restitutio burgensiæ. Qui venit in vigilia Sancti Matthæi Apostoli anno prædicto, et humiliter submisit se in gratiam communitatis pro transgressione prædicta, et habet diem Veneris proximum ad exponendum in gratiam xl*s.*, quos exposuit, et remanent in communi cista in Thesauraria. Postea conditionaliter condonatur, videlicet quod ipse amodo in casu prædicto versus communitatem in futurum non faciat transgressionem.

Robertus Bolton, barbour, alias forisfecit libertatem burgensiæ suæ quam supradictum erat, pro eo quod ipse deprivavit burgenses villæ Beverlaci et communitatem de l'Averyce j crofti vocati Lelycroft, et prædicto die et anno graciose restitutus est libertati suæ, ut præfertur ut supra.

f. 35 *b.* Taxatio j quarterii et medietatis integræ xv^{mae} et x^{mae} anno xix H. VI.

Extra Barr. Boriales	37*s.* 1½*d.*	Keldegate - -	£2 0*s.* 10*d.*
Infra - - - -	£4 10*s.* 0*d.*	do. Provost	£1 2*s.* 6*d.*
Walkergate - -	£4 1*s.* 0*d.*	Prov. Norwood-	£1 17*s.* 6*d.*
Cornmarket -	£5 19*s.* 6d.	Ad Torrent. -	£2 5*s.* 0*d.*
Alta Via - - -	£3 0*s.* 0*d.*	Flemyngate -	£4 2*s.* 7*d.*
Lathgate - -	£4 4*s.* 4*d.*	Feodo Capituli-	14*s.* 10½*d.*
Fishmarket - -	£4 6*s.* 9*d.*	Barlyholm and the Bek - -	£4 6*s.* 10½*d.*

f. 36. Conceditur pistoribus xxj die Octobris a° prædicto ad pistorandum usque diem Veneris proximum in xiiij dies, secundum pretium frumenti ad v*s.*

Præceptum est Thomæ Wayte, littester, quod mundari faciat communam seweram de Walkerbek in longitudine tenementi quod inhabitat citra festum S. Martini Episc. in hyeme prox. post diem supradict. sub pœna solutionis communitati vj*s.* viij*d.*

f. 36 *b.* Præsentatum est de Ric. Tasker quod ipse verbis inhonestis et contumeliosis reprobavit assisatores Gildæ Brasiatorum contra ordinationem. (Fined 8*d.*)

Liberatio extra Thesaurariam. Memorandum quod Custodes anni instantis ceperunt extra cistam communitatis in thesauraria Carta novæ confirmationis Henrici Sexti, Exemplificatio cartarum Thurstani et Willelmi, Carta Regis Ricardi II., Carta Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi, Indentura inter xij Custodes et communitatem pro punitione Rebellorum etc., Exemplificatio bullarum Lucii et Celestini Paparum, Confirmatio novæ bullae domini Eugenii nunc Papæ Romæ, copia Cartæ Domini Willelmi quondam Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, et Commissio dictorum Custodum anni instantis, et remanent sub custodia Johannis Baune.

ij die Decembris, una littera testimonialis sub sigillo majoris folii communitatis villæ Beverlaci liberatur Radulpho Ebirston, brasier, usque London. pro debito.

f. 37. xvij Dec. xix H. VI. Lease of waste belonging to Kelk's Chantry on N. side of Shoemarket lane.

"Joh. Baryer ordinatus est xxj° die Jan. a° supradicto ad recipiendum de qualibet nave vocata Cache, discarcata inter Pontes ad Torrentem, de thak, stramine, terricidiis, feno et hujusmodi, solvendum ad mundationem loci fori ibidem obolum, secundum ordinationem inde ab antiquo ordinatam."

f. 37 *b.* *Admissio Burgensiæ.* Willelmus Hardynges, magister scolarum Beverlaci, dissoneratus de libertate sua, ut supra, venit hic xvii° die Februarii anno supradicto, et admissus est ad libertatem burgensiæ suæ ad supplicationem domini Præpositi magistri Willelmi Driffield, magistri auditoris domini Archiepiscopi Johannis Portyngton, et plurimorum venerabilium. Qui quidem Willelmus Hardynges pro transgressione ut supra

humiliter submisit se in gratiam communitatis, et exposuit in gratiam xx*s*., et de novo juratus est prædicto die et anno etc. Et dicti xx*s*. graciose reliberantur dicto Willelmo sub conditione quod amodo in futurum non faciat.

f. 38. "Ponderatio Panis," at 5*s*. a quarter 18 May :—

Fine ij*d*. j Fewes quam Th. Cotton habuit deficit in pondere	xx*d*.
,, iiij*d*. ij Symnell Rogeri Kedall, uterque eorum de quadrante et secundum dictum pretium frumenti uterque eorum deficit in pondere ...	xx*d*.
,, ij*d*. j Panis albus de quadrante Ric. Myre deficit	ij*s*. vj*d*.
,, viij*d*. j Panis equinus ob. Joh. Sprotlay	xij*s*. (?)
,, iiij*d*. j Panis equinus ob. ejusdem	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Supervisores communis mercati et Crucis. xxiiij° die Martii anno supradicto Will. Warner retentus est cum communitate ad supervidendum omnia victualia venalia tam ad Crucem quam in foris piscium diebus mercati pro a[nno] proximo.

Memo. quod communicandum cum Thoma Wylton pro redditu onerato vj*d*. de clameo canonici domus Sancti Egidii, exeuntium de cotagio ædificato super cornerium de Mynstermoregate pertinente cantariæ Joh. de Kelk.

f. 38 *b*. Taxatio quartæ partis xv^ae^ et x^ae^ sol. ad Festum Paschæ anno xix H. VI. (Same as first taxation.)

Ad mutuandum Domino Regi ad solvendum in festo Paschæ A° xix H. VI. allocandum de tax. solvenda in festo S. Martini proximo futuro in yeme in Beverlaco.

Th. Mayne - - - - -	lx*s*.
Rob. Caux - - - - -	xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
Will. Spencer- - - - -	lx*s*.
Step. Tilson - - - - -	xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
John Davidson - - - -	vj*s*. viij*d*.
Walter Barbour - - - -	,,
Will. Persson- - - - -	,,
Ric. Jamys - - - - -	,,
Th. Bevington - - - -	,,
Joh. Sleforth- - - - -	xx*s*.
Joh. Brompton - - - -	lx*s*.
Guydo Bridekirke - - - -	xl*s*.
Joh. Gildyn - - - - -	vj*s*. viij*d*.
Joh. Ulceby - - - - -	xx*s*.
Joh. Redysham - - - -	xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
Ralph Abraham - - - -	vj*s*. viij*d*.
Rad. Warde - - - - -	xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
Th. Wayte - - - - -	xx*s*.
Magister Thomas Driffeld - -	xx*s*.

		£
38 in all.		
3 at lx*s.*	- - - - - -	9
1 ,, xl*s.*	- - - - - -	2
4 ,, xx*s.*	- - - - - -	4
12 ,, xiij*s.* iiij*d.*	- - - -	8
18 ,, vj*s.* iiij*d.*	- - - - -	6
		£29

f. 39 *b.* xxj. Aprilis a° H. VI. xix^mo^. Ordered that every Scherman who occupies the art of a Fuller contribute as a master 6*s.* 8*d.* to that art, and *vice versa.*

Joh. Cave, gentilman, die mense et anno suprascriptis fatebatur se succidisse iiij quercus communitatis in fossata de Westwode vocata Caste Wyk inter terram dicti Johannis Cave versus Mollescroft vocatam Scheldflatt ex parte boriali. Fine 2*d.*

f. 40 *b.* Election of "Supervisores pavamenti a Torrente usque ad Monasterium." 2 others, "operis pavamenti usque ad Monasterium."

Nono die Maii. Th. Dunkan de Hulbrig warned to mend Swynmoresdyk.

Robert Hatefield, "armiger, cepit . . . totam commonam vocatam le Comonaverys, ij croftorum suorum supra le Sprynghes" for 7 years at 6*s.* 8*d.* a year.

Rob. Collard, tilemaker, "cepit le Grovaldyk ex parte occidentali de le demmyng" at rent of 1,000 wall tiles ("wal tyl").

In festo S. Marci Evangelistæ A.D. m° cccc^mo^ xlj°.

41. Spiculatores. Thomas Seman, Johannes Wardlowe et Robertus Congylton retenti sunt cum communitate in officio Spiculatorum Beverlaci a ij° die Junii usque ad festum Sancti Marci Evangelistæ proximum, capiendo nomine salarii sui xxxvj*s.* viij*d.*, et liberantur eis iij scuti argentei ponderis xiiij unciarum dimidii . . per plegia Thomæ Everyngham, magistri Thomæ Driffeld et David Chambir, et jurati sunt. Et sciendum quod prædictus Thomas Seman [*Entry stops*].

f. 41 *b.* Subscripti assignati sunt pro ludo *Pater noster* deludendo xxiij° die Junii a° H. VI. supradicto (XIX).

Generosi assignati ad pagendam de } Viciouse.

Mercatores ad pagendam Invidiæ

Allutarii Sellarii Fullones Tegulatores Ropers Capmakers	assignati ad Superbiam	Fabri Serotecarii Crelers Schermanni Nauti (*sic*) Pelliparii Flechers	assignati ad Accidiam

Coupers Carpentarii Aurifabri Cementarii Vynters Husbandys Sausemakers Candelarii Piscarii	assignati ad Gulam	Scriptores Tannatores Barbitonsores Laborarii	assignati sunt ad Iram.
		Cissores Pistores Tynctores Coci	assignati sunt ad Avariciam.
		Carnifici Brasyers Textores	assignati sunt ad Luxuriam.

f. 42. Taxatio ultimæ medietatis xv^{mæ} et x$^{mæ.}$ (Same amounts as before.)

f. 44 *b.* *Peritus legis retentus.* Johannes Wenselay, legis peritus, retentus est de consilio communitatis a festo Natalis Domini ultimo præterito ante datum præsentium usque ad festum Nat. Dom. tunc proximum, Reddendo et solvendo ei de denariis communitatis ad festum Natalis Domini proximum xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Ponderatio panis facta in curia domini Cardinalis et Archiepiscopi ij die Dec. (Price of wheat 5*s.*) Nullus defectus ponderis.

f. 45. *Amissio Burgensiæ.* Robertus Bolton, barbour, xiij° die mensis Martii a° xx° H. VI. disoneratus est de libertate burgensiæ suæ, pro eo quod ipse supportavit ministros Vicecomitis comitatus Eboraci in arrestando Thomam Braddock, webbester, infra villam Beverlaci sine assensu Ballivi domini Cardinalis et Archiepiscopi Eboracensis contra libertatem totius communitatis et [in] præjudicium ejusdem.

Postea admissus est ad libertatem burgensiæ x die Aprilis anno supradicto, et habet diem Veneris proximum ad exponendum in gratiam communitatis xl^{s}. pro transgressione prædicta, quos exposuit, et condonatur graciose sub conditione quod amodo in futuro non transgrediatur versus communitatem.

f. 46. A.D. 1442. *Pœna tarde venientium.* Ordinatum est quod quicunque de xij Custodibus . . . non venerit ad horam octavam percussam, post tertium ictum super mensam, solvet ij*d.*

Ponderatio Panis. 4 June. (Price of wheat 4*s.* 6*d.*)

vj° die Julii. Rob. Peterer et Th. Cowton moniti sunt ad exponendum in gratiam communitatis xl*s.*, pro eo quod ipsi non habuerunt lumen suum artis Piscatorum in processione die Corporis Christi per festum ad Vincula Sancti Petri prox.

Conceditur caritative confratribus et consororibus domus elemosinariæ Gildæ Beatæ Mariæ Virginis Beverlaci prædicto die habere j equum geldyng in pastura de Swynmore pro anno futuro.

f. 47 *b.* 31 Julii, 20 H. VI. Will. Dalton, tilemaker, habet diem Martis proximam in xv^{nam} ad exponendum etc. iij*s.* iiij*d.* eo

quod ipse cepit xij caches terræ a ripa Torrentis ex parte boriali ejusdem.

Johannes Bast, tilemaker, (etc.) iij batellos terræ a ripa dicti Torrentis.

Will. Chetil (cepit ut supra) j cach terræ, ponderis v chaldron carbonum.

f. 48 *b.* 20 Nov. 21 Henry VI. Steph. Tilson habet diem Martis prox. in xv^{nam} ad exponen. xx*s.* pro eo quod ipse emebat carbones maritimos per ipsum et alios foristallatores in aqua de Hull, in grave dampnum [etc.] (Several more to same effect.)

f. 49. Tax. medietat. xv^{mæ} et x^{mae}. 21 H. VI.

f. 50. ix^{o} die Febr. Every Butcher to produce 6*s.* 8*d.* for selling flesh "per iiij dies a tempore occisionis earum contra ordinationem." Also 8*s.* 4*d.* "pro carnibus suis vagantibus in villa contra ordinationem." 16 in all. Fine remitted as to flesh : xx*d.* taken for dogs.

f. 50 *b.* A mercer fined for dogs in street.

"Conceditur Rad. Suter, barkir, prædicto die (xxiiij Martii) habere aysiamentum j pontis ultra commune fossatum eundo et redeundo per terram Th. Lyddall in transverso Domus Fratrum Prædicatorum, per viij annos, reddendo inde ij$^{d.}$"

f. 51. 2 Butchers, "supervisores artes suæ . . concelaverunt carnes non bene sesonatos."

Ponderatio Panis. xij Martii, xxj H. VI. Price of wheat 4*s.* 6*d.* Bakers threatened "ut subeant judicium piloriæ" if any defect found at next weighing; 4 fined.

f. 51 *b.* Will. Lorymer, mercer, not allowed to sit as one of the 12 Governors, while his son is under suspicion of felony on the accusation of a thief now in the gaol. Summons of all the venerable men of the town to meet in the Chapter House of the Church on Sunday, 31 March, to consider the point. 41 names given of those who attended the meeting.

f. 54. 2 Butchers sold "carnem fœtidum."

f. 54 *b.* Tax "secundæ medietatis xiv^{mae} et x^{mae} 21 H. VI."

Ponderatio panis. Price 5*s.*

f. 57. [N.B. after *f.* 56, 2 pages cut out, as their remains show.] "Willelmus Lorymer, mercer, exposuit [*etc.*] eo quod homo de Cotyngham fugavit unam carectam ferro ligatam super novum pavimentum infra Barram de Newebygpyng."

A barber fined for reproving one of the 12 Governors "in magna aula manerii dom. Archiepiscopt in præsentia plurimorum."

f. 57 *b.* 23 Henry VI., 6 Nov. "Liberatio necessariorum communitatis" to Common Sergeant: "iij pikkis et j veterem pik fractum, j rastrum cum viij dentibus ferri, j gavelote ferri, et iij schovyls, j beryngbarow, ij trowys ligata, j colrake ferri, ij whelebarows, et j veterem schovyl."

13 Nov. "Tertia monitio Johannis Esthorp, capellani," for malicious abuse of John Conton and Ralph Abraham at 9 p.m. in the High Street, for frequenting taverns and suspected places by day and night, frequenting the society of suspected women and the houses of procurers which are not fit to be mentioned, and breaking his oath. He is warned that if he abuses any of the patrons of the Chantry or does anything against its statutes again he will be removed.

f. 57. Ponderatio Panis. Price of wheat 5*s.* 6*d.*

f. 61. People fined for swine wandering in streets.

f. 62. Fine for proceeding for debt in Archbishop's Court.

f. 62 *b.* 12 Nov. 24 Hen. VI. 10 Butchers fined for not obeying when ordered "quod sursum capiant . . . stalla sua ædificata super commune solum ante tenementa habitationum suarum in Rangea Carnificum."

14 Nov. John Esthorp deprived of his salary.

f. 64. Ponderatio Panis. 26 March 24°. H. VI. A long list. Wheat 6*s.*

f. 64 *b.* 1446. The Twelve Governors include Master William Hardynges, the Grammar Schoolmaster. Among the Elections is "Mundator communis mercati juxta Dynges, fori piscium, et pavamenti ad Torrentem."

f. 65. 6 May. Hornsea people as tenants of S. Mary's Abbey, York, claim freedom from pavage in Beverley under charters of the Abbey.

10 May. Robt. Potager abetted W. Gelle, fisher, in selling fish in Wednesday market when time out of mind a Fish forum has been held in Cornmarket every year from S. Mark's Day to Corpus Christi Day.

f. 65 *b.* Copy of S. Mary's Abbey Charter from K. Henry.

A carpenter fined for refusing to wear the livery of the Fellowship.

f. 66. "Nich. Perkynson, walker, monitus est hic ad solvendum Aldermanno et Seneschallo artis Fullonum ad costagia et expensas suis (*sic*) Corporis Christi hoc anno ij*s.*;" paid 4*d.* in part payment.

f. 66 *b.* Communis Venella in Lathgate. Dominus Thomas Wresill, canonicus Domus Sancti Egidii, venit hic et concordavit cum Edmundo Portyngton, Willelmo Hardyng, magistro scolarum, Johanne Skipwith et sociis suis, vij de xij Custodibus anni instantis, primo die Julii a° xxiiij H. VI. bene et fideliter solvendo pro arreragiis communis venellæ juxta cimiterium Sancti Egidii xij annorum . . . ij*s.*

Lease of piece of land "extra Keldgate *ubi leprosi quondam* habitaverunt."

8 July 1446. "Uxor Egidii Bokeler, smyth," promised to pay "solutio xl*d.* annuatim Pistoribus quamdiu occupaverit, xx*d.* ad expensas castelli Pistorum et luminis, et ad expensas et costagia pagendæ cum ludi contigerit xx*d.*"

f. 69. Tuesday, 17 Dec. 1448. John Baron, chaplain, admitted "ad perpetuam cantariam Sancti Nicholai in ecclesia seu capella B. M. V. Beverlaci, vacantem per mortem domini Roberti Smyth . . et conceditur ei præsentatio ejusdem beneficii per Rogerum Rolleston etc. ix de xij Custodibus. Postea, 18 die mensis prædicti, recusavit cantariam, et dominus Thomas Cleveland. . . . est inductus et institutus."

f. 69 *b.* Subnominati sunt ordinati ad equitandum usque Ronthespitell ad obviandum ibidem Domino Regi in adventu suo usque Beverlacum iij° Oct. anno regni sui xxvij^mo.

Rog. Rolleston, cum iij equis			ix de xij Gubernatoribus.
Walt. Frost,	,, iij	,,	
Joh. Sleforth,	,, iiij	,,	
Joh. Brown,	,, ij	,,	
[5 others]	,, ij		
Th. Mayne, cum iij equis.			[102 persons in all.]

"Verba subscripta fuerunt dicta dicto Domino Regi per Rogerum Rolleston nomine totius communitatis apud Ronthspetill die et anno supradictis.

"Most graciouse cristen prince our soveraygne lord, ye be wolkom til your pepul and town of Beverlay."

"Subscripti mutuaverunt xij Gubernatoribus summam subscriptam quousque misæ assessantur et levantur de communitate sub forma inferius scripta et declarata, videlicet,

De Thoma Mayne - - - - - -	x^li
De W. Spencer - - - - - -	x^li
De Joh. Middelton et magistro Willelmo Hardynges, Seneschallo Magnæ Gildæ S. Johannis Beverlacensis - - - -	x^li
De Th. Whyte pro se et Th. Wayte, littester, -	x^li
De Johanne Sleforth - - - - -	c^s
De Magistro Thoma Driffeld - - - -	x mar."

Total £99 6*s.* 8*d.* subscribed by 22 persons.

f. 70 *b.* "Misæ assessæ per xxiiij probos homines villæ Beverlaci pro præsente Domino Regi faciendo a° H. VI. xxviij°." The total is £102 17*s.* 0*d.* The assessments are made on individuals under the headings of the various constabularies. The largest assessment is 40*s.* paid by William Spencer. 30*s.* is paid by T. Mayn, and also by Mr. Thomas Driffeld, Canon Residentiary. T. Scherborn, *literatus*, and a good many more pay 1*s.*

The lessee of a piece of land promises the Governors "j scholder de venison." A lessee of another piece gave them a gallon of red wine of Gascony.

f. 73. John Redysham, couke, "monitus fuit hic xxij° die Maii ad exponendum [etc.] xl*s.* pro eo quod noluit vendere vinum rubeum Vsaconiæ secundum lagenam appreciatam ad vj*d.*"

Assignatio ludi Corporis Christi.

vj June, xxvij H. VI. [1449], Ordinatum est per decem de xij . . . . quod pagendæ ludi Corporis Christi assignentur in forma subscripta deludendæ hoc anno: viz., ad Barras Boriales: juxta Bulryng; inter Johannem Skipwith et Robertum Couke in Alta Via; apud Crossebrig; apud Fisch-market: apud Mynstir bowe; et ad Torrentem.

Admissio capellani ad cantariam Johannis Ake.

xvij° die Junii A.D. 1449, Thomas Smyth, capellanus, admissus est ad perpetuam cantariam Sanctæ Trinitate ad Pontem Crucis Beverlaci jam vacantem per mortem Ricardi Arnald ultimi capellani ejusdem, et ad præsentationem xij Gubernatorum anni instantis spectantem.

f. 73 *b.* "Subscripti nominantur ad inveniendum homines armatos versus Scotiam," 28 June, 27 Henry VI.

This time 6 batches, each consisting of 4 Governors and 9 others, are warned to find respectively one of 6 armed men: whose accoutrements are thus given:—

"Thomas Cokinham, xl*s.* soluti: habet ij heykes, j lanceam et j securim. Dictus Thomas habet j equum Johannis Tasker, smyth, pretii xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, cum sella et freno.

Johannes Sixyndale, taylour, habet xl*s.*: habet ij heykes et j securim communitatis et j lanceam.

Johannes Keld habet xl*s.* solutos: habet ij heykys et j securim communitatis et j lanceam.

Brianus Holm habet xl*s.* solutos, et habet iiij heykes pro se j haynsman et j homine ad portandum le geton, et pro j homine ad cariandum cariagium suum: et dictus Brianus habet j equum Johannis Barton pretii xx*s.*

Willelmus Atkynson xl*s.* solutos, habet ij heykes. Item j ventayle, j par vaumbrace et j par rerbrace de armatura communitatis, et j securim ejusdem communitatis. Et dictus W. Atkynson habet j equum Henrici Tasker, pretii xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

Willelmus Hanson habet xl*s.*, et habet ij heykes. Et idem W. habet j equum cum cella (*sic*) et freno, pretii xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, et j securim communitatis, j basnet cum ventale, j par vambrace et rerbrace et j loricam et j brestplate et j lanceam."

Various sums are advanced from the moneys of the community for the pay of the armed men till a levy can be made, and 15*s.* is paid to William Atkynson for bearing the Geton towards Scotland. It would seem, however, that Brian Holme was the standard bearer.

Each armed man had 2 archers assigned to him, each of whom had a "heyke."

ff. 74 *b.* and 78 *b.* are taken up with the list of those assigned to find archers, and their payments are under the headings of the constabularies, as before. Each constabulary pays a sum varying from 20*s.* paid by Lathgate, Barlyholm, Keldgate, to 20*s.* 10*d.* paid by Norwood and the Provost's fee at Bekside. The largest individual contribution is 18*d.*, the smallest 1*d.*

The numbers are :—

North Bar Without	50	Cornmarket	38
,, ,, Within	45	Norwood and Provost's Fee at Beck	57
Walkergate	38	Lathgate	49
Highgate	47	Barlyholme and Bekside	71
Fischmarket	40	Archbishop's Fee in Keldgate	48
Flemmyngate	60		
Provost's Fee in Keldgate, Highgate and Minstermoregate	32		

Disoneratio fratris ad Crossebrig.

5 Aug. Ric. Keleby, unus pauperum domus S. Trinitatis juxta Pontem Crucis, disoneratus est de fraternitate domus . . . eo quod ipse convictus fuit hic esse fornicator et tenet unam mulierem sororem ejusdem domus in concubinam.

f. 79 *b.* Fines of Brewster Guild, 36*s.* 2*d.* Price of wheat at Assize of bread 5*s.* 22 pay.

f. 80. Bellman appointed; two bells delivered; two others remain with late Bellman.

Transgressio Piscatorum.

f. 83. Rob. Galt, Thomas Tonton, Rob. Potager, Th. Haddiswell et W. Gelle, fishers, moniti sunt hic ad exponendum [etc.] xl*s.* quia non habuerunt pagendam suam deludendam die Corporis Christi hoc anno secundum consuetudinem villæ et contra pœnam registratam. Pro qua transgressione submiserunt se et quilibet eorum pro se submisit [etc.] Et transgressio pardonatur graciose sub hac conditione, quod prædicti Piscatores pagendam suam facient competenter in omnibus citra diem Dominicam in Ramis Palmarum proximum futuram post datam præsentium. Et si prædicti piscatores hoc non fecerint [etc.] xl*s.*, et ad hoc jurati sunt super Sancta Dei Evangelia per ipsos corporaliter tacta.

f. 83 *b.* Admissio Capellani, 26 June 1450. Will. Tasker, capellanus, admissas est unus Capellanorum cantariæ Johannis de Kelke jam vacantis per mortem Johannis Esthorp.

The shepherd of Fegang is made to give security for 40*s.* if he again lets in cows of burgesses living in Keldgate, Eastgate and Minstermoregate "ad pasturam de Westwode vocatam Milkky."

The burgesses living in Keldgate fined 4*d.* for giving 2 milch cows to Fegang shepherd, who drove them from the Minster to the pasture and back again.

Assignatio Ludi Corporis Christi.

Memorandum quod pagendæ ludi Corporis Christi assignantur in forma subscripta deludendæ. In primis ad Barras Boriales. Item apud Bulryng. Item ad domum Johannis Skipwith. Item deinde apud Fischmarket. Item inter cer . . .(?) et campanam. Item ad Monasterium. Item ad Torrentem.

f. 84. Lease of Seyntgelicroft for 10 years at 4 silver marks a year.

f. 84 *b.* Pond. Panis, 29 July. 1 default. Price of corn 7*s.* a quarter.

f. 85. Robert Galt, fischer, fregit pavimentum juxta finem venellæ vocatam Bowbriglane, pro qua transgressione arrestatus fuit et positus in gaola: exposuit 3*s.* 4*d.* Inde pro expensis arresti et curiæ dom. Arch. xij*d.* The rest pardoned on promise to restore the pavement.

f. 85 *b.* J. Barton, bocher, maliciose cum j cartelax vellet verberare Joh Cofy unum de xij Gubernatoribus: fined 2*s.*

Two become pledges to Almshouse at Crossbrig for Rob. Cokke, "procuratore dictæ domus," for 4 years, "reddendo inde annuatim dictis pauperibus . . . xx*s.* et pro elemosina secundum conscientiam suam."

f. 87. Pond. Panis, 11 Feb. Price 7*s.* To bake at 6*s.* 6*d.*

1452. 18 April. R. Neve admitted to moiety of Kelk's Chantry. "Will. Waleys receptus est procurator domus pauperum S. Trinitatis juxta Pontem Crucis pro iij annis proxime futuris, solvendo annuatim confratribus et sororibus domus prædictæ pro comitatu Eboracensi xxvj*s.* viij*d.* per plegia etc. Postea W. Thoryton receptus est procurator cum dicto W., et reddit ultra summam prædictam vj*s.* viij*d.*

Memo. quod Johannes Conton, unus de xij Gubernatoribus villæ anni instantis, liberavit hic iij liberaturas cum iij scutis argenti de novo factis pro spiculatoribus villæ, ponderis xviij unciarum dimidii præter j quadrantem deficientem."

This passage has been transcribed by Mr. Hope in his appendix to *Corporation Plate*, II. 604, together with several other passages which Mr. Leach showed him. He supposes from this passage that there were now two sets of Waits' scutcheons, because the weight given before in 1451 was 13½ oz. It seems highly improbable that the community would have kept two sets of such expensive articles as these scutcheons, or would have sometimes given the Waits the old set and sometimes the new. The use of the words *de novo factis* points probably to the old ones being re-made.

f. 89. Admissio Capellani ad cantariam S. Nicholai. Thomas Stanys, vice Th. Cleveland mort., in ecclesia seu capella B. M. V.

f. 89 *b.* Pagenda sub pœna, A.D. 1452. Porters et Crelers inferius nominati moniti sunt prædicto die et anno quod habeant j pagendam de novo factam ad ludendum super die Corporis Christi proximo futuro post datum præsentium seu festum Annunc. B. M. V. prox. fut. sub pœna forisfacturæ xl*s.* ad usum communitatis. Rob. Thornskew, aldermannus, monitus est hic xvj die Jun. ad exponendum vj*s.* viij*d.* eo quod lusores artis Carpentariorum nesciebant ludum suum die Corporis Christi contra pœnam proclamationis communis campanatoris. Pro qua trans. *etc.* et habet diem prox. ad exponend. dictam pœnam.

f. 90. Solutiones ad ludum vocatum *Paradice.* Adjudicatum es. hic per Thomam Whyte [etc.] Gubernatores quod Johannes Chapelayn sen., heyrer, solvet annuatim in futuro Aldermanno et Seneschallis artis de Rapers ad ludum suum iiij*d.* et unicus Julius Barker solvet ad dictum ludum ij*d.* Dat. xi Jul. a° supradicto.

Petitio dez Websters versus Communitatem.

f. 91. Quædam lis et debata facta est inter Johannem Messenger, webster, et Johannem Newton (nuper) servientem dicti Johannis Messenger ex parte una, et Robertum Oversale, aldermannum, Robertum Kyrkeham et Johannem Bentlay, seneschallos artis prædictæ, ac totam artem dez Websters, quod ipse Johannes Webster induxit dictum Johannem Newton in castellum dictæ artis die Lunæ Rogationis contra voluntatem confratrum artis suæ prædictæ. Ideo ordinatum est hic quod si prædictus Johannes Messenger, vel aliquis alius magister artis prædictæ, ipsum Johannem Newton recipiat ac ipsum hospitet tanquam servientem suum in futurum, contra proclamationem factam versus ipsum Johannem Newton in curia domini Cardinalis et Archiepiscopi Ebor., quod extunc ipse qui sic inventus est culpabilis, forisfaciat ad usum communitatis xx*s.* totiens quotiens aliquis eorum reus inventus est. Dat. iij° die Oct.

f. 91 *b.* Two *legis periti,* W. Ennas and W. Eland, retained at 13*s.* 4*d.* a year.

Liberatio calicis et patenæ argenti.

Memo. quod remanet sub custodia Johannis Conton j calyx cum patena argenti et deaurata, ponderis vj unc. ¼ ex liberatione Johannis Wallays, unius xii Gub., pro qua calice et patena idem Joh. solvit de denar. commun. Johanni Barow, cartwright, uni executorum Thomæ Skirlawe, capellani defuncti, xj*s.* iij*d.* Et residuum denariorum communitatis, viz. iij*s.* ix*d.* remanet in manibus suis ultra expensas jantaculi xii Guber. Dat. xiij die mensis Nov. a° xxxj° H. VI.

f. 92. Will. Schirburn and John Cummyswell were fined 20*d.* for assaulting one of xii Gov., out of £10; the rest remitted at request

of Lord Egremorne, son of the Lord Northumberland. Several tilers find security "ad essendum burgenses."

f. 92 *b.* Spiculatores retenti. xiiij° die Jan. anno xxxj° regni Regis Henrici Sexti, Johannes Hesilhede, Robertus de Celario et Martinus Gymer de novo retenti sunt in officio Spiculatorum villæ Beverlaci tam diu placuit xij Custodibus sive Gubernatoribus anni instantis, et successorum suorum xij Gubernatorum ejusdem villæ qui pro tempore fuerint: capiendo nomine salarii sui ad voluntatem xij Gubernatorum villæ qui pro tempore fuerint xl*s.*

Et prædicti Spiculatores fecerunt fidei securitatem, et quilibet eorum per se, dictis Gubernatoribus villæ anni instantis, quod non recessent nec aliquis eorum recesset a servitio suo prædicto, nec cum aliquo domino Regni Angliæ se retinebunt, seu retinebit, sine speciali licentia dictorum Gubernatorum anni instantis aut successorum suorum in futurum. Et ex curialitate habebunt ad vesturam suam ex consensu venerabilium villæ infra Gildam Aulam aggregatorum x*s.* argenti.

f. 100. 1455. A change in the handwriting. John Boswell elected common clerk.

f. 100 *b.* 9 Oct. Ponderatio Panis. Price of wheat 5*s.* a quarter.

23 Nov. Rob. Galte juratus est scindere pisces maritimos dividendos proportionaliter cuilibet Burgensi Ootpokes et levers, sub pœna xx*s.*

Thomas Cowton noluit vendere le Outpokys, levyrs et tayles piscium recentium, ideo habet pœnam xx*s.* forisfacere Gildæ Aulæ quando amodo sic defecerit.

Johannes Whateley, fischer, juratus est scindere et vendere pisces recentes, secundum pretium rationabile in foro cum le Outpokes, levyrs, guletes [livers, gullets], sub pœna xx*s.*

f. 102 *b.* Tax last half of 15th and 10th.

The sums are the same as in the first tax, but deductions are allowed to each constabulary:—

	s.	d.		s.	d.
North Bar Without ...	24	8	deduct	6	8
,, Within ...	75	8	... ,, ...	7	0
Walkergate...	60	0	... ,, ...	6	8
Cornmarket	74	0	... ,, ..	6	8
Fishmarket	72	11	... ,, ...	6	8
Provost's Fee at Beck	30	0	... ,, ...	6	8
Highgate	42	7	... ,, ...	6	8
Flemmyngate	48	8	no deduction		
Keldgate Abp.	30	8	deduct	6	8
,, Provost... ...	15	0	... ,, ...	2	0
Lathegate...	33	6	... ,, ...	6	8
Norwood Provost ...	25	0	... ,, ...	1	0
Clapton Fee	9	11½	... ,, ...	1	8
Barlyholm	66	4	... ,, ...	5	0

f. 103. 22° Jan. Ad specialem requisitionem Johannis Kyrkham, aldermanni artis Tegulatorum, et confratrum ejusdem artis ex una parte, et Ricardi Ayres ex altera parte, dictus Ricardus Ayres exoneratur de omnimodis costagiis et expensis et aliis oneribus ejusdem artis pro perpetuo: excepto tamen quod dictus Ricardus Ayre solvet annuatim ad sustentationem pagendæ et luminis artis prædictæ viij*d.* Et si contingat dictos Telers tempore futuro erigere seu habere castellum ligneum de propriis die Lunæ Rogationum, tunc idem Ricardus solvet ad sustentationem dicti castelli iiij*d.*, solvendos die Dominica proxima post Festum Corporis Christi de anno in annum.

f. 106. *English.* Accord and arbitration, Ulceby, butcher, *v.* Garthern, capmaker. The latter apologizes for imputing felony to the former, and pays xx*s.*

f. 106 *b.* A charge that the "commune registerium fuit rasuratum et interlineatum per mercatores et vesturam suam," referred to arbitration of Sir John Nevyll, of Cottingham, Kt., and given against the accuser.

f. 109 *b.* 1456. "Nominati ad inveniendos homines armatos versus Scotiam in vigilia S. Bartholomæi," 34 H. VI. Brian Holme is one of them.

f. 110 *b.* "Subscripti nominati sunt et assignati ad inveniendum sagittarios versus Scotiam." Only the names of 2 constables for each constabulary are given, each constabulary finding 10*s.* except North Bar Without and Norwood, which provide 7*s.* 6*d.* and 5*s.* respectively. Lathgate here appears by its modern name Laugate. The balance of the 20*s.* to the Archers is paid "de communi bursa."

f. 112. 4 March 35 H. VI. "Visus duarum fossarum Joh. Smyth capellani perpetuæ cantariæ domini Rob. Rolleston clerici, nuper Præpositi Beverlacensis, infra ecclesiam collegiatam beati Johannis Beverlacensis": found that all willows etc. planted on them belong to J. Smyth in right of the chantry.

f. 113. Pond. panis, 5 Dec. 36 H. VI. 1 deficient. Price 5*s.*

f. 117. Pond. Panis capta ad Aulam Placitorum domini Archiepiscopi, 8 Nov. 37 H. VI. Price of wheat 4*s.* a quarter.

f. 117 *b.* Assisa Panis Equini 21 Nov. Deficiency, 66*s.* 8*d.* Joh. Sprotley, ostiller; 63*s.* 4*d.* Joh. Barwell, ostiller. Fined 6*s.* 8*d.* each.

f. 119. Pœna venellarum in rangea Carnificum. Two butchers to clear the lanes of filth deposited by them on pain of 20*d.*

f. 120. 1459. Ricardus Dalkyn receptus est per Custodes ad officium Communis Clerici.

f. 121. *Pœna Ludi Corporis Christi per carnifices perdita.* Unde r. xl*d.*, et residuum condonatur ita quod amodo taliter non fecerint.

Die Martis quinto die mensis Junii A.D. supradicto, ad quem diem Thomas Law, Alderman artis Carnificum Beverlaci, et alii confratres sui venerunt in Gildam Aulam Beverlaci prædicti, et xl*s.* monetæ Angliæ in gratiam communitatis posuerunt pro eo quod cum lusoribus suis tarde venerunt ad portas Boriales Beverlaci prædicti ad ludendum pagendam suam in festo Corporis Christi ultimo elapso, contra ordinationem inde factum. Et remanent cum Will. Kirkby.

Littera Testimonialis.

Item, conceditur caritative Margaretæ et Elenæ filiabus Thomæ Wayte nuper de Beverlaco, littester, littera testimonialis sub sigillo communi ad declarandum statum dicti Thomæ patris sui, et Thomæ filii sui, in prisona in villa de Ewe infra partes Normanniæ existentium.

f. 121 *b.* Memo. quod sigillum commune in baga sigillata sigillo Willelmi Mayn remanet in custodia Johannis Welles, unius Custodum hujus anni.

Item, quod baga cum denariis communitatis solutis super compotum remanet in custodia dicti Joh. Welles, et continet in toto xiij*li.* vj*d.* et debentur de Th. Derlyngton pro fasciculis nondum receptis xij*s.* ij*d.* Summa communitatis xiij*li.* xij*s.* viij*d.*, et communis bursa remanet in custodia Willelmi Kyrkby unius Custodum.

f. 122 *b.* Die Sabbati xxij^{do} die mensis Septembris, 38 H. VI. In Gilda Aula villæ B. congregati fuerunt xij Custodes sive Gubernatores communitatis ejusdem anni instantis, cum nonnullis aliis fide dignis et comburgensibus dictæ villæ: viz. Johanne Holme, uno Baronum de Scaccario Domini Regis, Edwardo Portyngton, Johanne Coppandale, Alexandro Creyke, cum quampluribus aliis communitatis prædictæ ibidem, per manus Newport, armigeri Ballivi villæ prædictæ, quoddam scriptum dicti Domini Regis sub suo privato sigillo receperunt. Cujus tenor sequitur in hæc verba.

By the King.

Trusty and well beloved, We have understande by dayly report made to us how divers persons of the Northe partes of this our Reaume make great assembles and gaderyng of people for what cause we understande not, How be it that it cannot be thought but it sowneth greetly to the trouble and subverting of our pees and lawes. Forsomuch we, of the greet and singuler truste that we have in you, wil desire, pray you specially, and also charge you, that with alle thee might and strength that ye can make ye addresse you towardes oure persone in alle haste, to entende and

assiste us with other our trewe subjects to the rebuking and setting of parte of tho that wold any thing presume to attempte ayenste oure persone or oure said pees and lawes, and this as ye tendre and love the welfare of our saide person and alle this our lande, and the conservacion and keping of the same oure pees and lawes. Yeven under oure prive seel at oure castel of Kenilworth the XI day of Septembre. To oure trusty and wellbeloved the Bailiff and Burgeys of the towne of Beverlay.

Cujus quidem scripti supradicti auctoritate et mandato XII. Custodes prædicti mandato regio obtemperare volentes fecimus et ordinavimus homines armatos, sagittarios, ut patet etc. Quibus persolvimus summas subscriptas, colligendas et capiendas de tota communitate, viz. de qualibet constabularia, ut sequitur.

[10 leaves are here torn out, probably because they incriminated the Governors &c. on the Lancastrian side.]

f. 123. 1462. Pecunia mutuata per xij Custodes ad solvendum sagittariis cum domino Comite Warwicensi versus partes Boriales x^mo^ die mensis Aprilis anno regni Regis Edwardi IV^ti^ secundo.

Extra Barras - -	24*s.*	8¼*d.*	Alta Via - - -	42*s.*	6*d.*
Infra ,, - -	65*s.*	8¼*d.*	Fisshmarket - -	62*s.*	11*d.*
Walkergate - -	60*s.*		Keldegate Arch. -	30*s.*	8¼*d.*
Cornmarkett - -	64*s.*		do. Provost. -	15*s.*	¼*d.*
Barlyholm - -	66*s.*	4*d.*	Flemyngate - -	48*s.*	8*d.*
Bekside Præpos. -	30*s.*		Norwood - - -	25*s.*	
Laithegate - - -	33*s.*	6¼*d.*	Feod. Capit. - -	9*s.*	11¼*d.*

The amounts are nearly identical with the moiety of 15th and 10th on *f.* 17 *b*, but with small variations.

f. 124. 1 June, 1462. Twenty, being "omnes carnifices," fined 6*s.* for keeping for sale in their shops beef killed more than 4 days.

f. 125. *b.* Nomina sagittariorum versus partes Estmarchiæ conductorum per communitatem villæ Beverlaci, quolibet eorum capiente vadium pro xxj diebus, tribus capitaneis capientibus quolibet eorum plus quam socii sui vj*s.* viij*d.*, incipiente die Martis, xix^mo^ die mensis Julii, Edw. IV. secundo.

The names of the 12 archers and their payments are given. All but the first two receive 31*s.* and 1 jacket: the first two 28*s.* and 2 jackets, parti-coloured blue and white, "viz., quolibet jakett continente j virgam partiti coloris blodii et albi: summa virgarum blodii, vj virg. 3*s.* 4*d.*, pretii xj*s.* 10*d.*: summa virgarum albi vii¾*d.*, pretii vij*s.* 2*d.*; in toto xx*s.* ij*d.*, quos solvit Johannes Copy.

Et [in] solutis Thomæ Wencelagh, ballivi, equitantis usque Holme ad communicandum cum Vicecomite causa prædicta ij*s.* vj*d.*

Et in expensis xij Custodum prædictorum laborantium circa collectionem dictorum vadiorum per diversas vices, in toto xj*s.* vij*d.*

Et pro factura et suitione del jaketts, viz. xiiij, pro quolibet jakett iiij*d.*, iiij*s.* viij*d.*

f. 127 *b.* xvj. Nov. 1463. Littera testimonialis, sigillo com. vill. Bev. signata, concessa est Agneti Herrison, relictæ Joh. Herrison apud Towton ad bellum ibidem decedentis, ad mendicandum.

f. 129 *b.* Consentientes ad Gildam Aulam habendam in domo communitatis nuper in tenura Roberti Jacson, draper, viz. in fine australi del Dyngs.

De xij.	De xlviij.
Alex Creyke, gent. (*sic*)	Joh. Coppandale.
Mr. Thomas Manshipp, gent.	13 others.
Joh. Copy, draper.	
Will. Whetley, gent.	
Joh. Redesam, mercer.	
2 mercers, 1 limmer, 1 chapman, 1 brasyer.	

Artifices.

Aldermanni et Seneschalli artis Mercatorum, Carpentariorum, Fabrorum, Cissorum, Tinctorum, Tannatorum, Textorum, Allutariorum, Barbitonsorum, Cerothecarum, Coupers, Piscatorum, Watermen.

Magister Thomas Menshipp et alii socii sui xij Custodes sive Gubernatores villæ die Veneris, xviij die Feb., A.D. 1462, publice in Gilda Aula congregati et sedentes, præmunitionem legitimam dederunt Johanni Redesham, Gildæ Mercatoriæ Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis Aldermanus, quod ipsi relinquere volunt et proponunt dictam Gildam Aulam pertinentem dictæ Gildæ ad festum Pentecost. circa annum ex tunc proximum sequentem etc.

13*s.* 6*d.* a year given to Mr. and Mrs. Jakson, tenants of Dyngs shops, for surrender of their lease, and 60 "fasciculos" in Westwode.

f. 130 *b.* Tuesday before Lady Day, 3 Edw. IV. "Conceditur caritative pauperibus Domus Elemosinariæ Sancti Johannis Beverl. in Laithegate j carecta focalium de Westwode ad orandum pro communitate."

Registration of grant by Edw. IV. of all lands in Beverley of Richard Cokerell, gent., attainted, to John Ferreby "valettus de corona nostra."

f. 133. John Ottley, shomaker, attachiatur ad respondendum eo quod ipse occupat, et per plures annos præcedentes occupavit, shopam suam ut magister, *et non est burgensis*, contra ordinationem inde factam.

Ministralli retenti.

f. 137. Walterus Kirkby, histrio, 14 die mensis Nov. anno supradicto (1464) invenit plegios Christoferum Shafter, glover, et

Johannem Calverley; Robertus Spek, alius histrio, invenit plegium Johannem Holborn, shomaker; Willelmus Watford, iij histrio, invenit plegium Ricardum Kitson, bocher; ad fideliter serviendum communitati ut ministrallus, usque Festum S. Marci proximum futurum, et ad redeliberandum xij Custodibus iij colers cum iij scutis argenteis, ponderantibus quilibet eorum ut patet in libro communi: quilibet coler habens xxxvij lynkes, ij stipas, ij pendauntis, ij bokilles, j stapul et j swychon, viz. in dicto festo Sancti Marci Evangelistæ proximo futuro; et concessum est per xij Custodes habere pro salario suo pro tempore prædicto xij*s*.

f. 138. Sunday labour. John Smith, shomaker, fined 8*d*. for selling goods on Sundays.

f. 141. Pond. panis: 1465, Monday after S. Hillary, 5 Edw. IV. Price 4*s*.

f. 143. A fisherman fined (but fine remitted) for negligence in saying he was not a burgess, when he was.

f. 146 *b*. 2 Dec. 1466. Rob. Walker, de B., comparuit et exposuit in gratiam iij*s*. iiij*d*. pro eo quod non habuit liberatam cum confratribus suis die Lunæ Rogationum ultimo præterito prout habuit in mandato per xij Custodes anno prox. præterito. Unde recept. xx*d*., et resid. condonatur.

Roger, bakster, fined 2*s*. for making black bread mixed with barley and peas.

f. 147. 13 Archers hired at 10*s*. a day "ad equitandum cum domino Comite Northumbriæ versus partes Northumbriæ et Durham ad resistentiam malitiæ Umfridi Neville et aliorum inimicorum Domini Regis."

f. 148 *b*. Alderman of the Cissores fined for taking fines in his craft without knowledge of Governors.

1467. 20 Apr. Thomas Robynson admitted to Kelk's Chantry.

Scuta histrionum reliberata.

f. 149. Scutum histrionis deliberatur per Thoman Sclater, et ponderat v uncez di. quarter; per Johannem Perron, et ponderat v uncez di. quarter iij ferthyngwegh troy; j scutum per Johannem Bell, et ponderat vj uncez, et deficit j ob. weght de troyea; in toto xvij uncez et dim.

Ludus de Pater Noster hoc anno ludendus.

f. 150. Consentientes, &c. diversis artificibus vill. Bev. ad ludum de Pater Noster ludendum infra villam B. die Dominica in crastino Festi Sancti Petri ad Vincula A.D. mcccclxvij, xxix° die mensis Maii anno supradicto. Consentientes; Mercatores, Glovers, Nauti, Barbatonsores, Barkers, Tegulatores, Fabri, Cowpers, Fletchers, Walkers, Websters, Cissores, Allutarii, Littsters, Bakers, Laborarii, Tellarii, Brasiatores,

Liberantur Registra. Barbatonsores, Cerotecarii, Nauti, Tannatores, Flecchers, Coupars, Piscatores, Carnifici (*sic*), Pistores, Textores, Cissores, Fabri, Carpentarii, Allutarii, Fullones, Tinctores, Tegularii, Laborarii, Cellarii, Brasiatores, Mercatores.

Ludenda in locis assignatis. In primis, ad Barros Boriales, Bulryng, ad ostium Ricardi Conton, in Via Alta, Crossebrug, Wedynsday Market, Mynsterbowe, et Bekside.

Lusores : Pryde, Invy, Ire, Avaryce, Sloweth, Glotony, Luxuria, Vicious.

Assignantur artifices et misteria ad dictum ludum ludendun. Omnes isti venerabiles et artifices assignati sunt ad diversas pagendas de Pater Noster ludendas ut inferius patet :—

Ad pagendam de Viciose, viz: gentilmen, merchands, clerici, et vadletti; sed Rogeus Kelk et Joh. Copy assignati sunt Aldermanni dictæ pagendæ.

Ad pagendam Superbiæ, viz. : shomakers, goldsmyths, glovers, glasiers, skynners et fishers : sed Willelmus Downes assignatus est Aldermannus.

Ad pagendam Luxuriæ, viz. : littsters, walkers, wevers, pynners, cardmakers, wire draghers; sed Robertus Johnson assignatus est Alderman.

Ad pagendam Accidii (*sic*), viz. : watermen, husbandmen, laborars, sadlers, rapers, crelers, mylners et furbisshers; sed Ric. Bliton assignatus est Alderman.

Ad pagendam de Gula, viz. : baxters, vinters, pandoxatores, coci, tilers ; sed Joh. Spaldyng assignatus est Alderman.

Ad pagendam Invidiæ, viz. : bochers, wrights, coupers, fletchers, patyners; sed John Wod assignatus est Alderman.

Ad pagendam Avaricii (*sic*), viz. : taillours, masons, braciers, plummers et cutellers; sed Nicholaus Gedney assignatus est Alderman.

Ad pagendam Iræ, viz. : tannatores, barbatonsores, fabri et pinctores ; sed Johannes Robynson assignatus est Alderman.

f. 151. Spiculatores retenti eisdem die et anno. W. Watson, Johannes Watson, Johannes Bulson retenti sunt communes histriones villæ Beverl. pro anno futuro, et habent tria scuta argentea, viz., Willelmus Watson habet j scutum ponder. (*blank*) ; plegium Thomæ Abram, shomaker; quolibet eorum capiente ad salarium suum de communitate prædicta vj*s*. viij*d*. et iij*s*. iiij*d*. ad corrodium suum.

x Julii, 1467. Thomas Abrams, shomaker, pro eo quod ipse non vestitus fuit in unica secta cum confratribus suis die Lunæ Rogationum, habet diem Martis proximum ad exponendum, etc., iij*s*. iiij*d*. Quo die comparuit, etc.

f. 151 *b*. vij die Augusti A.D. mcccc. lxvij. Johannes Copy, Aldermannus artis Mercatorum, pro rebellione sua in pagenda artis Mercatorum Beverlaci dictis lusoribus

præstanda, et aliis rebellionibus suis, habet ad disponendum in manus dictorum Custodum secundo die sessionis dictorum xij Custodum post reventum suum London, xl*s*. Postmodo comparuit et exposuit xl*s*. xviij die Augusti.

Consentientes ad registra diversarum Artium emendanda et corrigenda; (15 of 48. A committee appointed.)

f. 152. *b*. 19 Feb. 1467. Ricardus Kittson, bocher, fined 6*d*., "de eo quod interfecit j taurum non canibus laborosum prout deberet et consuetudo villæ requirit."

f. 161. 23 Feb. 9 Edw. IV. Letters testimonial under the common seal to John Maikewhate, tailor, "ad testificandum innocentiam suam de causando mortem Ing. Lepton, ballivi libertatis Archiepiscopi."

f. 161 *b*. 1469. "Sagittarii conducti pro communitate ad equitandum cum Domino Northumbriæ pro repressione Hob. de Redesdale et aliorum inimicorun Domini Regis in crastino S. Marci ix° E. IV., existentium in negotio prædicto per ix dies." 6 at 6*s*. each, and 3*s*. 4*d*. "in regardo" to the Bailiff, with other expenses 10*d*.

18 June. "Armati et sagittarii" for 3 days.

f. 162 *b*. Money borrowed to pay them.

f. 163. 1470. Victualia capta de expensis communitatis et data Domino Edwardo, Regi Angliæ moderno, ad usum hospicii sui apud Eboracum in festo Annunciacionis anno regni sui decimo.

In primis, de Johanne Tabert, pistore, pro ij duodenis panis albi et ij duodenis panis equini, xiij pro xij [*the baker's dozen*] - - - iiij*s*. ¼*d*.

Et de Johanne Bell, pistore, pro iiij duodenis panis albi et vj duodenis et viiij penyworth panis equini - - - - - - x*s*. viij¼*d*.

(and so on, from 4 bakers more for 44 dozen white bread and 28 dozen horse bread.)

Habentes harnas de communitate prædicta:—

Johannes Lorymer, habet j par polanse.

W. Atkynson. (The same.)

Rob. Clerk, taillor, habet j paunch de male, j brest et j gorgett de male.

J. Lyndesay habet j basenett.

R. Robynson habet j brest, j gorgitt de male, et j alium gorgett de male.

T. Cuke habet j habrischon et j basnett.

J. Maikewhate, saidler, habet j basnett et j gorgett de male.

R. Brian habet j par waumbrace.

J. Redesham habet j par cusshes, et reportavit.

J. Siglesthorne habet j par cusshes.

3 others, each "j habrichon, j brest, cum j basnett."

f. 163 *b.* Misæ positæ per communitatem prædictam ad resistendum inimicos Domini nostri Regis E. IV. anno ix° die Mercurii in festo S. Cuthberti.

Extra Barras - - - - -	13*s.* 4*d.*
Infra Barras - - - - -	30*s.*
Cornmarket - - - - - -	40*s.*
Alta Via - - - - - -	20*s.*
Wedynesday Market - - - -	20*s.*
Keldgate Præposituræ - - - -	7*s.* 9*d.*
Laithgate - - - - - -	10*s.*
Norwod - - - - - -	8*s.*
Walkergate - - - - - -	20*s.*
Flemmyngate - - - - -	20*s.*
Barliholme - - - - - -	20*s.*
Bekside Præposituræ - - - -	13*s.* 4*d.*
Feodum Capituli - - - - -	10*s.*

"Regarda armatorum et sagittariorum cum domino Comite Northumbriæ versus inimicos Domini Regis de partibus Richmundiæ, attendencium super xij Custodes, per ij dies Martii anno regni Regis E. IV. x°." 3 Capitanei and 16 Sagittarii 12*d.* each.

f. 165. 1470. Tax for archers, 4 August 10 E. IV., with Henry Earl of Northumberland. North Bar without 13*s.* 4*d.* and so in proportion.

f. 166 *b.* Vadia soluta xx sagittariis cum domino Comite Northumbriæ conductis die Veneris 3 Aug., cuilibet eorum pro viij diebus, 8*s.*

Et [in] solutis Johanni Copy pro panno blodii et albi mixto æquato per lez bendels, xvj*s.*

Et in regardo dato Willelmo Morsell equitanti ad dictos sowgeours pro supervisione et gubernatione eorumdem iij*s.* iiij*d.* et postmodo solutis Willelmo Morsell capitaneo dictorum sowgeours . . . pro vadio suo pro viij diebus, in partem solutionis, xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

f. 167. The last entry in the book, as to a butcher's fine, is dated 8 Feb. 147$\frac{0}{1}$.

Gild Book. f. 84 *b.* Chantry of John Ake.

John Ake's Will.

1398. In God's name, Amen. Monday before Michaelmas A.D. 1398. His body to be buried in the Chapel of Blessed Virgin Mary in Beverley. To the fabric of the same 13*s.* 4*d.* To fabric of collegiate church of S. John Beverley 6*s.* 8*d.* To fabric of church of Blessed Peter at York 6*s.* 8*d.* To Friars Minors of Beverley 66*s.* 8*d.*, on condition that they find a chaplain to celebrate

divine service for one year after his decease for his soul. To Friars Preachers of Beverley 66*s*. 8*d*. on same condition. To Friars Minors of Beverley 5*s*. on condition of their celebrating a trental of masses for his soul. To Friars Preachers of Beverley 5*s*. on same condition. To Friars of the Order of Blessed Mary the Virgin, and to the Austin Friars of Kyngeston upon Hull the same sums on same conditions. To Friar William Grovall and Friar Robert Grovall 13*s*. 4*d*. each. To his Rector for tithes forgotten 40*s*. To Sir William of Scarborough ("Scardeburgh"), perpetual vicar of the aforesaid chapel, 6*s*. 8*d*. All lands and tenements in Beverley to Ellen his wife to find a chaplain to celebrate in his Chapel built on the Crossebrig, if the said tenements will suffice after providing for her reasonable food and clothing and that she have the appointment of 20 poor persons in the God's House ("Domus Dei") there, on any vacancy, and after her death the 12 Keepers and Governors of the town of Beverley to have the same for the same purpose in accordance with ordinances made or to be made by Robert of Garton and Henry Maupas, clerks.

To his sisters Cecilia and Alice 40*s*. each. To John of th' Hill of Walkyngton 40*s*. and a gown 'sengle.' To John Proktour of Walkington the same. To Alice wife of Richard Thompson of Burton, to John Westiby of Dalton and Jane wife of John Gervays, each 13*s*. 4*d*.. To Richard his servant if he lives ("*si convertatur ad vitam*," recovers) 40*s*., a horse, a packsaddle, ("paksadill"), a pack cloth ("pakcloth") a gown of worsted, a doublet and a hood.

To Thomas of Ellerton, if he goes to Rome, 6*s*. 8*d*. To Thomas Yoke of Beverley, formerly a draper, 40*s*., his best cloak, and a gown of the latest livery of the Merchants but one. To Thomas of Lokyngton of Beverley, draper, a new gown of the latest livery of the Merchants, another gown of russet, a black belt and a dagger ("bastardum") hanging on it. To William Blakemore of Beverley his best belt. To William of Carleton a gown doubled with fustian and a "puned cote." To every poor man and woman lying in the Maison-Dieu a new gown of russet and 6*d*. for their shoes. To Margaret of Thwenge 6*s*. 8*d*. To Laurence of Frottingham of Hull and his wife, on a good account between them and his executors, 40*s*. Residue to Ellen his wife and Thomas Yoke, executors, to dispose of for the good of his soul. Witnesses: Richard of Beverle, William of Blakemore, and William Spen, Town Clerk ("clerico communitatis villæ").

Proved before John of Harwod, assessor of the Chapter of York, 7 October, 1398. Release given on full administration and account 17 Nov., 1398.

1398. License in Mortmain. 7 June, 21 Richard II. For 12 marks, license to Robert de Garton and Henry Maupas, clerks, to grant to the 12 Keepers of Beverley 2 messuages and a vacant place 120ft. long, 80ft. broad, for a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily for souls of Thomas, late Archbishop

of York, John of Ake of Beverley and Elen his wife, in a certain chapel newly built on the same place, and for 12 poor to dwell in some houses built in the same place and continually to pray for same.

1399. License to same by Richard (Scroope), Archbishop of York, to grant to Richard of Ryse and others, 12 Keepers and Governors of the town of Beverley, a tenement held by Thomas of Ryse in Keldgate ; and place lately built on upon the Crossebrigg for a chaplain to celebrate divine service, and for 24 (*sic*) poor and their successors in a certain God's House, lately built on the Crossbrigg, and confirming the grant of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Blessed Peter at York of the tenement which John of Ake held on the day of his death in the Crossegarthes. Dated in our manor of Ryse, on vigil of Nativity of St. John Baptist, 23 Richard II.

License to same for John of Ake's house held of the Prebend by Robert Crowll, Prebendary of Fridaythorp in the Cathedral Church of Blessed Peter of York, confirming grant of Master Richard de Scrop, Archbishop of York, of Thomas of Rys' house held of the Archbishop. Same date.

Grant by Henry Maupas, clerk, of messuages, as in the License of Mortmain, to William Dalton and others, the 12 Governors. Dated at Beverley, 1 March, 8 Henry IV. Witnesses, Robert of Hilton, knight ("chivaler"), John Conestable, knight, John Hothom, knight, Robert Twyer, knight, John Routh, knight, William Rolleston, Richard Agwillion and many others.

Power of attorney to Nicholas of Rys to deliver seisin of same. Same date.

[Ordinance of the Tylers, 20th April, 1563, written here.]

1407. 8 Henry IV. 7 March.

Ordinance of John Ake's Chantry, by Henry Maupas.

f. 86. After pious exordium, "Intendo et dispono juxta exilitatis meæ modulum in quadam capella ad Pontem Crucis in villa Beverlaci sumptibus providi viri Johannis de Ake de Beverlaco, mercatoris defuncti, et Elenæ uxoris suæ adhuc superstitis, de novo constructa, quandam erigere cantariam unius capellani imperpetuum duraturam ad quandam domum communiter dictam Domus Dei pro inhabitacione quorumdam pauperum, et pro aliquali parte eorum sustentatione[m] providere sicut inferius continetur."

The appointment of this chaplain and of the poor (20) to belong to Elen Ake during her life, and after her death to the Governors.

Chaplain to have six marks a year : to be presented within 40 days of vacancy to Archbishop, in default the presentation to pass to Chapter of Beverley, and in default to the Archbishop.

Chaplain to observe the canonical hours, with *Placebo*, *Dirige*, and Commendation, according to the use of York, daily, and certain masses, viz., on Sunday, mass of the Trinity; on Monday, of the Dead; on Saturday, of Our Lady, excepting double feasts.

Chaplain to be admitted a brother of the House. Power of removal for misbehaviour or non-residence after two warnings.

Twenty poor to be kept of either sex.

To be summoned by bell, to be rung by a brother assigned for the purpose, for ¼ hour at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily for mass and vespers in the chapel. All able to rise from their beds are to attend on bended knees. The ringer is to inform and urge them to pray for the Founders' souls and lead them in saying one Creed, 3 Lord's Prayers and 3 Angelic Salutations and the third part of the Psalm of the Blessed Virgin, viz., with Creed and 50 Angelic Salutations and 5 Lord's Prayers. The rest of the Psalm they are to say daily by themselves at convenient times.

Those unable to leave their beds are to say the same at the same times.

Power of removal for misconduct or absence.

Dated at Beverley same day and witnessed by same persons as the deed.

f. 88. 1417. Obit of John Ake and Elen his wife.

Indenture of four parts between Elen of Ake and John of Bilton, chaplain of the chantry of the Holy Trinity in the charnel ("charnello") of the chapel of the B.V.M. in Beverley, of one part, Thomas Skipwith and three other churchwardens ("custodes fabricæ") of the chapel of the B.V.M., elected by the common consent of the parishioners of the same, of the other part; witnesses that, in consideration of a set of vestments of cloth of gold, green and blue, with three copes of the same suit, and 20*l.* sterling paid to the churchwardens to the use of the fabric or new work of the same chapel, they grant to the parties of the first part a yearly rent of 5*s.* 3*d.* issuing from a messuage outside the North Bar, where Thomas Godyf now lives, bequeathed by John of Lokyngton to the churchwardens, to be paid to the said parties if default be made in celebrating the obit of John of Ake and the said Elen his wife in the chapel of the B.V.M. on Sunday before Michaelmas. The rent to be distributed that day as follows:—To Master Peter of Irford and his successors, vicar of the chapel, 4*d.*; to 12 chaplains present at *Placebo* and *Dirige* and mass with music 2*s.* 2*d.*, of which 12, Thomas Browne, chaplain of the chantry of the Hospital of the Holy Trinity or Poor-house at the Crossebrig and his successor is always to be one; *viz.*, to two of the 12 acting as Rectors of the Choir 6*d.*, viz. 3*d.* each, and to the other 10, 2*d.* each; for offering at the mass, 1*d.*; to the 4 parish clerks of the chapel for ringing the four chief bells 4*d.*; to the 4 choristers among them, 2*d.*; for the cover of the tomb of the

Akes 1*d.*; for 4 wax tapers to burn on the tomb 6*d.*; to the common bellman to go through the town for the souls of the same 2*d.*; to the common box of the Hospital or Poor-house at the Crossbridge 3*d.*

If this is performed the rent is then to remain to the Churchwardens. Witnesses: Nicholas Ryse of Beverley, Thomas Frost, Thomas Coppardale, William Cokerell, Thomas Coppardale, Thomas Caldebek, Thomas Swanland, Thomas Jolyf, and others.

Dated Lady Day, 1417, 5 Henry V.

f. 87. 1419-20, 9 Jan. Memorandum: on Tuesday 9 January 1419, 7th year of Henry V., Nicholas Ryse and 8 others, 9 of the Keepers or Guardians of the Town, present in the Guild Hall, and also many discreet men ("probi viri et discreti") 22 in number, and many more gentlemen ("honesti") of the community, duly summoned by the Common Sergeant, confirmed, for 20 marks paid by John Bilton of Beverley, chaplain, and Richard Fauconer of the same, skinners, executors of the will of Elen of Ake, widow of John of Ake, the ordinance of the Chantry on Cross Bridge.

f. 87. *b.* 1419 20 Dec. Presentation to Henry Archbishop of York, by Nicholas Ryse and the other Governors, of Thomas Brown of Beverley, chaplain, to the Chantry of the Chapel of the Holy Trinity at the Cross Bridge.

1419-20. 14 Jan. Institution by the Archbishop of same in same.

Letter to admit same to same by same, same date.

f. 88 *b.* 1419-20, 9 Jan. Indenture between Nicholas Ryse and others, Keepers of the Town, of the one part, and Thomas Brown, chaplain of the Chantry of the Holy Trinity at the Cross Bridge, of the other part. Receipt by Brown for books, chalices and other ornaments of the said chapel, as particularly described.

Amongst other things are a Missal of York use, valued at £4, a Breviary ("portiforium manuale"), because new, of York use, fully valued at £4. Indenture of the Ordinance of the Chantry, £5. Chalice and paten, because new, of silver gilt, 13¾ oz. 36*s.* 8*d.* Bell, 10*s.* Two cloths with red crosses painted on them, for Lent, 3*s.* 4*d.*; &c. A cupboard of 3 shelves ("stagis") for the vestments, books, etc., 6*s.* An alabaster image of the Trinity with painted wooden canopy ("tabernaculo"), 6*s.* 8*d.* Image of Virgin with Child on left arm, of wood, well carved, and gilded, 40*s.* Another of alabaster, 3*s.* 4*d.* Wooden crucifix, with Virgin and S. John, on the wall over the altar, 3*s.* 4*d.* Portable crucifix, 20*d.* Image of S. Ann and Virgin, 6*s.* 8*d.* Two small pictures standing on the altar, 20*d.* A woollen carpet in front of the altar on principal feasts, 20*s.* Lamp with a "cassula" of latton, 16*d.* Two forms, &c. A leaden 'halywaterfatt," 8*d.*

Bond by Brown and three sureties in £30 for safe custody of the said goods. 10 January, 1419-20.

Perhaps the most singular travesty of any document published by Poulson is his version of the Indenture summarized above. There is scarcely a single item given correctly. The bell to hang "desuper capellam" is translated "a bell for the upper chapel"; a cloth "ad serviendum" in Lent is written "ad emendum"; "two towels hanging at the lavatory" appear as "towels laced at the ends"; a fanon "de lineo picto" appears as "a fanon the lining painted;'" and so forth.

Conveyance of lands, &c. from a Mercer of Coventry.

f. 89 *b.* 1404, 30 April, 5 Henry IV. Charter of William of Wythonwyke, otherwise called Syward, of Coventry, mercer, granting to John Hapford, merchant and passenger of Coventry, and William Melborne of Beverley, mercer, all his lands &c. in Beverley. Witness John of Barowe, Mayor of Coventry, Philip Baron and Simon Sheffeld, Bailiffs of the same, John of Garton, draper ("pannarius"), Ralph of Garton, mercer of Coventry, Robert Swanland, Thomas Dene, drapers of Beverley, Laurence Trymenell, clerk, and many others. Coventry, Wednesday, vigil of SS. Philip and James, 5 Henry IV.

Letter of attorney to Robert Swanland to deliver seisin of same.

1404. 12 July. Charter of John Hapford, mercer and passenger of Coventry, and William Melborne of Beverley, mercer, the above Grantees, re-conveying to Grantor and his wife Isabel for life; remainder to their daughter Ellen and the heirs of her body; remainder over to John, brother of William, and his heirs; in default, to Governors of Beverley, to sell and distribute proceeds for good of the souls of William and Isabel.

Witnesses: John of Melton, John of Wythornwyke, Robert of Sledmer, Stephen Graybarn, William Spen, clerk, and others. Dated, Beverley. Saturday after Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 1404.

KELK'S CHANTRY.

Copy of tripartite agreement ("compositionis") respecting the Chantry of Thomas Kelk, formerly of Beverley.

f. 91 *b.* 1425. 24 Apr. The Keepers of the Town, Roger Rolleston, John Brompton and others (named),—after recital that Nicholas Chamberleyn of Beverley by his deed of feoffment confirmed to the then 12 Governors 6 messuages, 14 cottages, 3 acres of land and 7 acres of meadow, with licence of Henry V.* and Master Henry Bowet archbishop of York, to find two chaplains

* Licence is on Rot. Pat., 2 Hen. V., part 3. m. 9, dated 29 Jan. 1414-5.

to pray for the souls of Thomas of Kelk, merchant, Alice his wife, John his son and Margaret his wife, and all the faithful departed, in the church or chapel of the B.V.M. at the altar of S. Thomas the Martyr, and the said Nicholas gave other rents and tenements in augmentation of the same—with the consent of the Vicar and Churchwardens ordain as follows:—

The chaplains to celebrate mass daily and divine service according to York use, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, for the souls aforesaid; and to be present at Matins, Hours and Vespers, in their stalls in choir next the stalls of the chaplain of the Chantry of Saint Katharine and the chaplain of the brotherhood of the Holy Trinity, or, by assignment of the Vicar and Churchwardens, to one of them a stall be assigned in the South part of the choir.

The chaplains to be of good behaviour, not to frequent suspect women, to take care of books, chalice, vestments, and ornaments.

Leases of the property to be made with consent of the Governors.

Power of removal for misconduct by the majority of whole body of Governors.

Chaplains to be sworn to observe ordinances in the Guild Hall.

Dated, Tuesday before St. Mark's Day, 1425, 3 Henry VI.

Richard Sutton and Thomas Scarburgh, now chaplains, admitted and sworn.

Sealed with common seal of the community of the town, the common seal of the churchwardens of St. Mary's, the seal of Master Peter Irford, vicar of same.

[Poulson represents N. Chamberlayn as having "endowed" the Chantry; but he was only the representative of Kelk in carrying out his foundation.]

Miscellaneous Deeds.

(*Endorsed*) Ferybi Croftes.

Circa A.D. 1200. Omnibus Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris Robertus de Sancto Edmundo, Prior de Feriebi et conventus ejusdem loci, salutem.

Sciatis nos quietem clamasse Rogero de Morlay et heredibus suis pro nobis et successoribus nostris in perpetuum redditum unius marcæ quem Willelmus de Morlay nobis dedit in molendino suo de Stenigton pro tribus croftis quos Rogerus de Morlay nobis dedit in territorio de Burtona, scilicet croftum presbiteri sicut fossatum illum includit, et Brotherhowcroft sicut fossatum illum includit, et croftum quem Normanus præpositus tenuit sicut fossatum illud includit, ad capud calceti versus austrum.

Et si forte contigerit quod Prior de Feribi vel prædictus conventus ejusdem loci in aliquo tempore per aliquod ingenium vel malum consilium huic quietæ clamationi contraire voluerint, Rogerus de Morlay vel heredes sui recognoscent se ad prædictos croftos quos nobis dedit in præfata villa de Bartona.

Et ut hæc quieta clamatio firmitatis robur obtineat sigillum nostrum et conventus nostri præsenti scripto apposuimus. Hiis testibus, Willelmo de Morlay, Dunecano de Morlay, Ricardo Hyrnig, Henrico de Coigniers, magistro Walkelino, Radulfo capellano, Ricardo clerico, et multis aliis.*

(*Endorsed*) Ourum Karre.

1333. 29 Sept. Omnibus hoc scriptum indentatum visuris vel audituris Rogerus de Somervyl, dominus de Burton Annays, Noveritis me dedisse *etc.* Agneti quæ fuit uxor Richardi de Wychenore, quondam camerarii mei, unum toftum cum crofto et tres bovatas terræ et unam placiam turbariæ in Orehdurker ad fodiendum annuatim viginti caractatas turbariæ sine vasto vel venditione; et unam placiam prati inter pratum domini Willelmi capellani ex parte orientali et croftum quod Robertus Ape quondam tenuit ex parte occidentali, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in villa et territorio de Burton Annays; illud videlicet toftum cum crofto, et illas tres bovatas terræ et illam placiam turbariæ et dictam placiam prati . . . quas dictus Richardus de Wychenore quondam de me tenuit.

Habendum et tenendum [etc.] ad terminum vitæ suæ [etc.] Reddendo inde annuatim 62*s.* sterlingorum [etc.]: [she to repair and cultivate properly].

Dat. apud Burton Annays die Jovis in festo Sancti Michaelis A.D. 1333. [But Michaelmas Day fell on *Wednesday* in that year.]

Hiis testibus, Johanne de Thirnom tunc senescallo domini Rogeri de Somervyl, Johanne Fraunceys de eadem, Alexandro de Burton, Thoma Cutmot de eadem, Thoma Preman de Grauncemor, et aliis.

Round seal, brown wax. Virgin with Child, seated, issuing from a crown.

1352. 23 June. Indenture in four parts. Grant by John of Wilton of Beverley to Chapter of S. John's Church Beverley, of houses in High Gate, Fishmarketmorgate, and Keldgate, to find 6 marks a year for chaplain of a chantry in honor of Corpus Christi on north side of S. James' Altar or at head of S. John's tomb in the Minster. (Printed in *Proceedings of Society of Antiquaries*, 8 March, 1894.)

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* This charter seems to dispose of the account given by Tanner (Dugdale's Monasticon VI. 590), that Feriby Priory was founded on the dissolution of a Templars' Preceptory there. This deed is certainly not later than John, and the Temple was not dissolved till Edward II.

1378. 20 Dec. Grant by Jane, widow of John Randolf, to Sir Rob. de Bakton, rector of Louthorp, of an oxgang in Ruston field, belonging to her as heiress of her father John Hobkyn.

Sciant præsentes et futuri quod ego Johanna quæ fui uxor Johannis Randolfi de Kyllom, in pura viduitate mea et in legitima potestate mea dedi [*etc.*] domino Roberto de Bukton, Rectori ecclesiæ de Louthorp, unam bovatam terræ in campo de Ruston juxta Louthorp, prout jacet in eodem campo juxta terrram quondam Simonis Spynes de Nafferton, et quam quidem bovatam terræ habui de jure hæreditario post decessum Johannis Hobkyn patris mei, cujus hæres ego sum: Habendum et tenendum [*etc.*] . . . imperpetuum.

Hiis testibus, Willelmo de Kelk, Rogero de Ruston, Willelmo de Pokethorp, Willelmo de Thweeng de Ruston, Ricardo de Sothiby de eadem, Johanne Warde de Louthorp, et aliis.

Dat. apud Ruston, 20 Dec., 2 Richard II. [1378]. Round seal of grantor, green wax.

1420, 9 June, 15 Henry V. Grant by Margaret, widow of John de Lyndale, son and heir of John de Lyndale of North Burton, executrix of John, of houses in the Crossgarths devised by him on trust for sale to John Elton of Everyngham, "gentylman," and Alice his wife, and Walter Gude, chaplain.

"Hiis testibus, Thoma Skypwyth, Waltero Midelton, Johanne Bewine, Ricardo Befforth, Waltero Dunhame clerico de Beverlaco, et aliis. Data apud Beverlacum nono die mensis Junii, A.D. millesimo cccc$^{mo.}$ vicesimo, et anno H.V. 10$^{o.}$ "

1469. 22 Sept., Robert Prokter, chaplain to Thomas Mynskip, of Beverley. Settlement of capital messuage in Crossgartthes on Thomas Mynskip for life, remainder to Thomas Mynskip, junior, and Elizabeth his wife and their heirs male, remainder to Nicholas and Edmund sons of T. Mynskip, senior, successively in tail male, remainder to right heirs of T. Mynskip, senior.

" Hiis testibus, domino Johanne Prokter, capellano, domino Johanne Marche, capellano, Ricardo Spencer, et multis aliis.

Dat. xxij$^{m'}$ die mensis Septemb. anno regni Regis Edwardi iiij^{i} post conquestum Angliæ nono" [1469].

1548. 28 August. Sir Michael Stanhope and John Bellowe to Abraham Metcalfe and Jane his wife, granting mansion of the Seven Rectors of Beverley, granted to them by Letters Patent of 26 Aug.

"Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hæc præsens carta pervenerit, Michael Stanhope, miles, et Johannes Bellowe, armiger, salutem. Sciatis nos pro quadam pecuniæ summa nobis per Abraham Metcalfe de London,generosum,et Johannam uxorem ejus bene et fideliter soluta, unde fatemur nos [*etc.*], acquietatos [*etc.*] dedisse, concessisse, vendidisse, barganizasse et hac præsenti carta confirmasse præfatis Abrahæ et Joannæ Totum illud messuagium tenementum seu mansionem nostram ac omnia

domos aedificia ortos pomeria gardina et curtilagia nostra quæcumque eidem messuagio [*etc.*] adjacentia, spectantia, sive pertinentia, cum eorum pertinenciis universis, scituata jacentia et existentia in Beverley in comitatu Ebor., nuper in manibus et occupatione propria nuper Septem Rectorum in nuper collegio sancti Johannis Beverlaci in prædicto comitatu Ebor., quæ quidem omnia et singula præmissa nuper fuerunt parcella possessionum dicti nuper collegii de Beverley prædicta; adeo plene libere et integre prout omnia et singula præmissa ad manus domini Regis nunc inter alia devenerunt, ratione et prætextu cujusdam Actus de diversis cantariis collegiis guildis et fraternitatibus dissolvendis et determinandis in Parliamento ipsius domini Regis nunc tenti apud Westmonasterium anno regni sui primo inter alia editi et provisi, et adeo plene libere et integre prout idem dominus Rex nunc per litteras suas patentes sub magno sigillo suo Anglico confectas, gerentes datam 26 die Augusti anno regni sui secundo, ea omnia et singula præmissa nobis præfatis Michaeli et Johannæ ac heredibus et assignatis nostris inperpetuum inter alia dedit et concessit, habendum tenendum et gaudendum prædictum messuagium [*etc.*] ac cetera omnia et singula præmissa [*etc.*] Tenendum a dicto domino Rege nunc heredibus et successoribus suis ut de manerio suo de Burstwicke in dicto comitatu, [*etc.*]"

Warranty. Appointment of Wm. Grimston, gent., and Henry Logeneif, yeoman, attorneys to deliver seisin. Dat. 28 Aug. 2 Edward VI.

1552, 28 Nov. Edwardus VI., D.G. Anglia [*etc.*] Rex, F. D. et in terra ecclesiæ Anglicanæ et Hiberniæ supremum caput, Omnibus [*etc.*,] salutem.

Inspeximus inter recorda et irrotulamenta curiæ nostræ Augmentationum et Revencionum coronæ nostræ, [*etc.*]—

Memorandum. Where the Burgesses and "Communaltie" of the town of Beverley within the county of York have exhibited their Bills of complaint unto the King's Highness, showing by the same bill that where there was a great parish church within the said town (&c.) called S. John of Beverley Church, within which church there was lately a College which had divers manors, lands, [&c.] belonging to the same, amounting to the value of £1000, all which [&c.] are now commen into the King's Highness hands by reason of a statute made [*&c.*, *The Chantries Act*] in the 1st year of his reign, And that for the necessary reparations of the said church long time since there were given and assured certain lands and woods of the yearly value of £60 and above, which were not within the compass of the said statute, And nevertheless the rents and profits thereof received to the King's Highness use ever sithence the dissolution of the said College; By reason whereof the said church was in great decay and in short space like to fall in utter ruin and decay, the parishioners there not being able to repair the same, It might therefore please His Highness to grant unto the said Burgesses and Communalty the said £60 and above by grant [&c.]

Which supplication and the matter thereof the Lords of the King's Majesty's Most Hon. Council by their letters from Hampton Court, 6 July last past, did refer to the consideration of the Chancellor and General Surveyors of the Court [&c.] Whereupon the said Chancellor [&c.] upon consideration . . . and search of records touching the King's title to the premises, did find the said lands [&c.] to be possessions of the said College, and that the King's Highness hath good right and title to the same by force of the said statute; Nevertheless the said Chancellor [&c.] found . . . by the certificate [of Chantries] that there was an office called the office of Works in the said Collegiate Church which had lands [&c.] to the yearly value of £68 1*s*. assured unto it, And that with the profits the officer thereof did repair the said church . . . and was accountable to the same late College for the same . . .

For that the said church is very great and ruinous, and yet very necessary to be upholden, the said town being a market town very notable and populous, and the parishes therein very great, and in consideration of the other circumstances before rehearsed ——

It is ordered and decreed by said Chancellor, [&c.,] 12 Nov. 6, Edward VI., [&c.,] That the 12 Governors of the said town [&c.] and their successors for the time being shall receive and take the rents, issues and profits of so much of the said lands [&c.] called [&c.] the office of Works of the said church as are yet remaining in the King's Highness' hands, and are of the clear yearly value of £33 18*s*. 10*d*., as by a particular thereof made by Sir John Bellow, particular surveyor of the King's lands within the East Riding . . . appeared.

And where the King's Majesty, by way of exchange, is pleased and contented to give a grant to the high and mighty prince John, Duke of Northumberland, and to his heirs the manor of Bentley, being of the . . value of £18 5*s*. 10*d*., and being parcel of the . . office of Works . . . ,

It is ordered and decreed that the said 12 Governors [&c.] shall receive [&c.] the rents [&c.] of all the lands [&c.] belonging to the two late chantries of S. John of Beverley and S. William founded in the [&c.] church [&c.] aforesaid being of the . . value of £14 18*s*. 4*d*. And also . . . all that annual pension of £4 13*s*. 4*d*., which was payable by them to the King's Highness yearly in the right of the late chantry of S. Katherine founded in the church of Our Lady within the town of Beverley.

And it is ordered [&c.] that the Twelve [&c.] shall employ all the said rents [&c.] upon the reparacions of the said church from henceforth yearly as necessity shall require and as before time hath been accustomed [&c.] And shall yield accompt thereof yearly to the King's Majesty's auditor of the said county. . . .

And it is further ordered [&c.] that the Twelve [&c.] shall have the arrearages of all the premises which belonged to the said office of the Works [&c.] before the said exchange amounting to

. . £62 14*s.* 8*d.* for one whole year ending at [Michaelmas] last past to be paid immediately upon the making of this decree . . .

Nos autem tenorem [&c.] duximus exemplificandum. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste Ricardo Sakevyle, milite apud Westmon., 28 Nov. anno regni [&c.] sexto. Irrotulatum in officio Willelmi Notte, auditoris.

Great Seal in brown wax, much broken, the reverse effaced. Poulson's assertion that the people of Beverley did nothing to get this grant is seen by its very terms to be wrong.

Accounts.

The accounts of the Twelve Keepers or Governors commence with the year 1344. The receipts are as follows. From the admission of five burgesses at 3*s.* 4*d.* each, and 5*s.* from Alan Helver, £1 1s. 8*d.* Rents paid for the Dyngs, Whitsuntide term, £2 18*s.* 5*d.*; St. Martin's term, £3 9*s.* 10*d.* For the pasture of the Fegang, £1 16*s.* 1*d.*, and of the Swynmore, £1 3*s.* 9*d.* For 16,000 tiles from the Tilery, £2. Then follow particulars of numerous receipts from taxes and from the boxes of the wards, &c., the Millers' box, and the Merchants' box. To several of the merchants the community was indebted for money lent towards a present to the Archbishop; and money was also due to several representatives sent to London to procure a lessening of a tax, "when William of Dalton and Sir Thomas du Clay were in London for the same business." The total sum of receipts was £33 16*s.* 6½*d.*, and of expenses twopence more. The expenditure includes £3 4*s.* 6*d.* for the expenses of Sir T. du Clay and Will. Dalton in going to London and for gifts, with reference to the tax-abatement. Presents were given to the Sheriff and to Sir Gerard Salwayn and Sir Walter de Heselarton on their coming to array men against Scotland; and to Sir Thomas Cotyngham, to whom, with others, fees were paid for counsel and assistance. A separate account follows of the receipts and expenditure for pavage, the former amounting to £12 0*s.* 7*d.*, and the latter exceeding by a halfpenny. Large quantities of white stone were bought for the streets, and a wooden bridge was made in Bowbriglane.

1366. In the account for this year there are eight entrance fees. Additional boxes from which contributions are received are the Butchers', Bakers', Tanners', Brewsters', Carpenters', Dyers', Ironmongers', Fishers', Tilers', and Skinners'. The expenses include £4 0*s.* 11*d.* to the Archbishop for a pipe of wine; 20*s.* to Sir Symon de Heselarton, knt. in the sessions at York of Lord de Percy and his fellows, to be favourable and helpful to the community; payments for bills (petitions) made to the King's council to remove piles in Hull, and for the expenses of the Sheriff and steward of Holderness when they sat for the removal of the piles in Hull; 3*s.* for a year's rent of the Guildhall to the Chapel of

B. V. M. (paid also in 1386). The schoolmaster, "Magister Scolarum," occurs amongst those who pay pavage. The balance of total receipts (£165 17*s*. 0½*d*.) over expenses was £40 5*s*. 10½*d*.

1386. Poulson says that there is no roll of accounts for the reign of Richard II.; but there is one for the year 1386, which is in a remarkable form, as it exhibits a change, if not in the government of the town, at any rate in the administration of its finances, being the "Compotus," not of the Twelve Keepers, but of "Thomæ Gervays, aldermanni villæ Beverlaci, Johannis Trippoks, Johannis de Acon, camerariorum." The alderman and chamberlains for 1385 are also mentioned, as paying over a balance of £8 17*s*. How long the change lasted does not appear, but the next extant account, twenty years later, for 1405, is rendered again by the Twelve Keepers (*cf.* the Town Chartulary, *f.* 18, the Charter of 138½). The entrance fees in this year are 25. One mark was given to the "almosser" (almoner) of the King for his good word on behalf of the community to the King. To Richard Tirwhit for divers speeches and help for the community in the court of the Archbishop, 3*s*. 4*d*. To Robert of Garton for instructions for a letter sent to Grimsby for freedom from toll taken there from the burgesses, and for other help and counsel, 3*s*. 4*d*. The payments for paving and ditching are numerous. To Sir Walter, chaplain of the Gild of St. John, 20*s*. For fish sent to the Friars Preachers for a pittance for the easement which they afford to the community in keeping the common chest, 6*s*. To William Frost for speaking with master Walter of Skirlawe [who was a canon of Beverley, keeper of the Privy Seal, and afterwards Bishop of Durham], procuring him to be a friend and favourer of the town, 3*s*. 4*d*. To Robert Chapman, to be favourable and helpful to the community, 6*s*. 8*d*. To Richard Warde for the same, and for exoneration from making the bridge in the Churchyard of St. John's Church, 6*s*. 8*d*. [Other gifts also in return for help.] Delivered to Thomas Jolyf and John Trippoks for their journey to London, and for the accomplishing ("perpetratione") of the Pavage Charter, £4. And to the said John Trippoks for his aforesaid labour to London in company with Jolyf, 20*s*. To Thomas Tirwhit for expediting the common business at London, £6. To Thomas Gerveys, alderman, for fulfilment of his office, 100*s*. And to John Trippoks and John of Akon, draper, the chamberlains, for the same, each 20*s*.

1405. Entrance fees received from 23 burgesses. The trouble caused by the northern rebellion in which Archbishop Scrope was engaged is marked by various entries. Paid to Hugh de Arderne for his counsel in the time of lawsuit and insurrection, 6*s*. 8*d*. Expenses of watching and keeping the town, 5*s*. 4*d*. For timber brought for bars for defence of the town, and making them, Friday before Whitsunday, 29*s*. 8*d*. To a valet of the King carrying a letter for the community of Pountfraytt, 6*s*. 8*d*. Wine and beer for armed men and archers, 3*s*. 4*d*. To Walter Barbour, for his labour in going to Ripon to ask of the King's passage and removal to the North, 3*s*. 4*d*. To Richard Cokeram, a gift of

courtesy for his good carriage and favour in the Northern parts with the armed men, 6*s.* 8*d.* Wine for the same armed men at the time of their meeting in the market, 15*d.* Cloth bought for the hoods of the men-at-arms and archers, 12*s.* 3*d.* A debate between the community and Lord de Mauley involved a gift of wine to the steward and household of the latter and other expenses. To Robert Bubthorp, the King's squire, for his good favour to the King, 40*s.* For a hogshead of wine given to Sir John de Scropp, 46*s.* 8*d.* The waits, for their yearly fee, 40*s.*; they are called "spiculatores," a term by which, in common with those of "histriones" and "ministralli," these officers were designated.* The total cost for making a new Bar was £29 13*s.* 2*d.*

1407. From the account for this year Poulson gives copious extracts, but both his Latin original and translation have many mistakes; one of which, in the heading, represents the whole body of Keepers as "defunctis" in the sense of "functis officio," whereas the word applies only to the two last persons named, in the sense of "deceased." Forty-nine burgesses were admitted with fees of 20*s.* each, and Thomas Walkyngton, archdeacon of Cleveland, with fee of 40*s.* From Richard Laythorpe, rent of the Lepers' House outside Keldgate Bar, 3*s.* An entry translated by Poulson as describing receipts "for withy-beds, faggots, and escapes of the pastures," is in reality for "lime-kilns (*thoralis*), faggots, and strays (*extrahuræ*) on the pastures." Fines to the amount of £4 7*s.* 8*d.* were received from divers burgesses and brewsters unjustly indicted in the county for obtaining a commission of the peace so that the county might not hold inquisitions in the town. [A similar commission had already been granted in 1396.] Most of the items in the account of expenses (including those on the visit of Henry IV. and his son John) are given by Poulson; one which he omits is the cost of "red lasch," or fringe, added to the green cloth of the Guild Hall table.

1409. Entrance fees from 56 new burgesses. Subscriptions to the amount of £8 7*s.* 7*d.* were received for leading and tiling the Bars. In the expenses we find, for wine to John the King's son, in the Minster yard, 2*s.* 9*d.*; on the vigil of St. Andrew, at inspection of charters and muniments, &c., 7*s.* 6*d.*; expenses of Richard Beverley to York about toll taken at Hornsea from the burgesses, 4*s.* 6*d.*; costs of work on the High Bridge, £9 12*s.* 2*d.*; rebuilding the North Bar (the only Bar now standing), £96 9*s.* 11½*d.* This was begun 16 July, and was completed to the "roseynyng" of the doors about 4 Apr. following.

This building account has been published by Mr. Leach in full under the title "The Building of Beverley Bar," in *Transactions of the East Riding Antiquarian Society*, vol. iv., 1896,

* Poulson translates it as "archers" in the account for 1407 and elsewhere, and Messrs. Jewett and Hope (*Corporation Plate*, 1895, II. 541) mistake in distinguishing the watchmen from the waits.

p. 26 seq: with an extremely interesting paper entitled the "North Bar, Beverley," by Mr. John Bilson, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., on its architecture, and the mediæval use of bricks ("wall-tiles") for building, and their prices. He estimates the cost of building the Bar now at £800 to £900.

1416. Entrance fees of 30 burgesses. Several salters fined 4*d.* for selling salt at the Beck at a higher price than it was appraised at. The payment for the rent of the Lepers' House is now entered as being 6*d.* to the Archbishop "for the common tenement outside Keldgate, *once* the Lepers' House." The rents for the Guild Hall are entered as 20*s.* to the Alderman and Stewards of the Merchant Guild of St. John of Beverley, and 3*s.* to the Wardens of the fabric of the Chapel of the B. Mary. There were expenses connected with the delivering up at York of the commission of the peace granted to the Twelve Keepers by the charter of 18 Feb., 2 Hen. V., the charter (with the exception of the last clause) having been annulled by Parliament on the petition of the Archbishop of York, as it was in derogation of the rights of the Archbishops as keepers of the peace in their lordship of Beverley. The circumstances and charters are detailed in Poulson's history, I. 174, 184, where also, at p. 192, the reserved clause, which exonerated the burgesses from the collection of taxes outside the town, is noticed as being included in the *Inspeximus* charter of 15 May, 1 Hen. VI. One hundred marks were lent to the King, which were had in September out of the hands of the Rector of Brantingham and Robert Midelton; the costs attending the negotiation of the loan were no less than £4 11*s.* 3½*d.* A new pavage commission for seven years was obtained on the mediation of Sir Symon Gawnstede, which cost £19 12*s.* 5*d.*

Appended to this account is a list of ancient arrears, some of them 14 and 15 years back, but not yet written off.

There is also added an account of the "rents and farms of the community which belonged to John Kelk."

He had founded a Chantry in St. Mary's Church, of which he had made the Twelve Keepers trustees. A copy of the Ordinance of the Chantry made in 1425, 9 years after this account is in the Guild Book, as printed *supra.*

	£	s.	d.
The Keepers' account for "rents of divers tenants of lands and tenements whose names appear in the account of Richard Sutton, chaplain, sewn to this account" - - - - - - - - - -	22	6	0
And received from Nicholas Chamberlayne, draper, executor of the will of the said John Kelk, for the price of a garden called Enyrgarthes, which Nicholas sold to William Rolleston, and gave the sum thence arising for repairs of the said tenements	8	0	0
Balance from year before - - - - - -	4	11	0
Total - - - - - - - -	34	17	0

Payments.

Rents resolute - - - - - - - -	2	5	8
Repairs of tenements, including one "next pardysse" (paradise) - - - - - - -	8	2	2

Stipends and Fees.

To Richard Sutton for his salary at 4 terms, celebrating for the soul of John Kelk, merchant -	4	0	0
To the same for his fee for collecting the rents and seeing to repairs - - - - - - -	1	0	0
To Sir Thomas Scardeburgh, chaplain, celebrating for the soul of the said John Kelk - - - -	4	0	0
	9	0	0
For tenements vacant through lack of repair and arrears of excessive rents - - - - - -	4	7	11
Allowed because one tenant cannot yet be distrained, and others have nothing to be distrained, and so on - - - - - . - - - -	6	4	3

Richard Sutton's account, on paper, is annexed, under the name of "Kelk-rent." It includes a great number of houses in "Outside Bar," "Couper Lane," "Wodlane," "Saint Marigate," "Lathgate," "Fishmarketmorgate," "Mercer-rawe."

1423. Fees for 15 new burgesses. Five are admitted without fee in right of their fathers, one of them John Tyrwhitt, described as "squyer;" and Thomas Brown, chaplain of Theme, is admitted free, because he promised to be at scot and lot as in common ("communicarius") for the future as a burgess. Two persons were fined for neglecting the pageants on Corpus Christi day, and 18 for rebellion in the Guild Hall on St. Mark's day. The payment to the waits, "spiculatoribus," is again (with the addition of *et* before the word) transformed by Poulson into "moneys paid to members of the Guild who were formed into a body of *archers*." A breakfast, dinner and supper on Corpus Christi day to the Earl [of Northumberland], countess, and family, in the house of William Thyxhill, barber, cost £4 0*s*. 4*d*. To Master Thomas Bynham, Friar Preacher, for making and composing the banns ("les banes") before the Corpus Christi play proclaimed through the whole town, 4 May, 6*s*. 8*d*. To the waits of the town, on the morrow of Ascension Day, riding with the said proclamation of Corpus Christi through the whole town, 20*d*.* For two pairs of bags to keep the money of the community in, 2*d*. For a little leather sack to place the "remembranciæ" and other books in, for the profit of the community, 4 June, 4*d*. Expenses of the Twelve Keepers on Corpus Christi day in governing all the pageants passing through the whole town, 7*s*. 6*d*. 12 June,

*Misled by a heading at the top of p. 275, vol. I. of Poulson, the date is wrongly given in Jewitt and Hope's *Corporation Plate*, II. 501, as 1506.

for bread, wine and other expenses on William Tyrwhitt for counsel in the matter of the rebels making an affray on St. Mark's day in the Guild Hall, 3*s*. 10*d*. Expenses for three days, with horse hire, of a messenger sent to the Mayor of York about toll wrongfully taken there, 10*s*. 11*d*. 4 April, for two silver shields ("scutis") in honour of the community, to be yearly delivered to the waits at the pleasure of the Keepers for the time being, under sufficient sureties, the price of the shield 31*s*.,* of which for workmanship 11*s*. 8*d*. [These two shields were the waits' "scutcheons" or badges. They were remade in 1433, and a third was added later]. Dinner on the audit-day, £3 16*s*. 11½*d*. Among arrears are included 37*s*. due from Richard Skryvener, formerly Common Sergeant, for sums received from divers burgesses which he had not paid over or accounted for; and a lime-burner had absconded owing 25*s*. for rent.

In the heading of this year the Twelve Keepers are for the first time called Keepers or Governors, "custodes sive Gubernatores." The latter title gradually superseded the former. Whether, or in what way, the new title implied any additional power or position, does not appear; but it seems to point to a change of view, and the substitution for mere guardianship under the Archbishop of an assertion of some independent rule.

1433. Entrance fees, 21. In this year there occurs for the first time a statement of the pledges taken as security for arrears of burgess fees and of rents, &c. They are mostly pots ("ollæ"), but from William Draper, goldsmith, are taken a pot, two basons, and two . . . . , as security for 6*s*. 8*d*.

The chaplains of Kelk's Chantry are Thomas Scardeburgh and John Esthorp.

Paid a goldsmith for working of two shields or arms ("scutos sive arma") of the community for the waits, 14*s*., gold bought for them, 3*s*. 4*d*. Six ounces of silver bought beyond the weight of the old shields, 15*s*. In two "corsis" [cases?] bought for the said shields, 2*s*. 4*d*. In wine given to John Ellicarr, retained of counsel for the community, in buying the measures of the Archbishop, 14*d*. Reward to William Surleby, bailiff, for a copy of the registered statute-weight, balance and measure, 20*s*.

Appended is a list of the weights and measures for the use of the community:—

"1 potell, 1 quart, 1 pynte, 1 gille de peutir, ij panyers, 1 hopir, 1 modus, 1 firthindel, 1 p^{c} ('peck?) and ½ peck of wood, 1 gallon, 1 potell, 1 thirdpart, 1 quart of wood," for measuring ale, bought in the 5th year before: as appears in the account of that year.

And they have "5 pikkes, 1 whelbarow, 1 other barow, 2 tuppis, 3 schovelis, 2 saas, 1 tubbe, 2 bollis, 2 scotellis, 2 sparris, under custody of the Shepherd of Feyang; 850 stanlatts, 6 sparrs,

* Poulson (followed in *Corporation Plate*, II. 501) gives by mistake "precii ejusdem, xis·" but in his translation has the correct figures.

1 fleke, 1 horslok, 1 gavelok" of iron, and 2 silver shields for the minstrells ("ministrallis"), also armour for 6 men except "cuschews and grevys."

And there remains in the Common Chest in the Guild Hall a bond for ten marks of Master Thomas Chapman and others for confirmation of all the liberties of the town under a Bull sealed with a leaden seal after the fashion of the Court of Rome. These are they who are bound, Master Thomas, John Brompton, and William Weston, clerk ("literatus") of Beverley, and it remains in the Treasury.

1437. Entrance fees of new burgesses, 12. Paid to Roger Rolleston and two servants riding to London, 31 May, for a plea against the Prior of Bridlington, 12*s*. 11½*d*., and six shillings a week for 8 weeks in London, 48*s*. To Brian Holm, bailiff, for his labour in speaking with the Archbishop at Southwell for his award and judgment in the matter, 6*s*. 8*d*. To William Silvir, [the Common Sergeant] going to Southwell, with hire of horse, 9*s*. 4*d*. Three Keepers going to York to the Archbishop, three days, 32*s*. 8*d*. Two swans, six capons, and four gallons of red wine of Gascony to John Iwardeby, 6 Sept., 16*s*. 4*d*. Expenses of nine Keepers at the Bailiff's house for counsel as to answer to Mr. Thomas Chapman for confirmation of the new Bull of liberties of Beverley, 21 April 4*s*. 7*d*.

1445. New burgesses, 15. For arrears of entrance fees brass pots are the common pledges, but four yards of black cloth are taken from a tailor, two basons ("pelves") and a washing-bason ("lavacrum") from a cook, a "baselard harneysed" from Lawrence Sewardby, yeoman, a pair of shearmen's scissors ("schermanscheris") from a fuller, a small hammer from a smith, and two silver spoons from a mercer, William Gasquyn. Wooden bars and two "turnstilys" were put up at the ends of the lanes of the town, at a cost of £2 6*s*. 3*d*. Various extracts from the Account, relative to troubles caused by "the family" of the Earl of Northumberland, guarding of the bars, &c. are printed in Poulson, I. 205-212, in which the following corrections should be made; 6*s*. 8*d*. instead of 7*s*. 8*d*. for bread, wine and beer for 24 archers; Robert Davyson instead of "Sanyson"; expenses of Master Thomas, for three days, 18*d*., instead of 13*s*.; bread and wine for the sons of the Earl of Northumberland, 8*d*. instead of 8*s*. The following are additional entries:—Three clerks of the Justices for writing a *supersedeas* for the men of Beverley indicted for felony, 6*s*. 8*d*. To twelve jurors of the Esterithing for not proceeding against the men of Beverley in the said indictment, 6*s*. 8*d*. Expenses of officers of the King, 7 Jan., staying a night in Beverley with 32 horses, supping and breakfasting, 41*s*. 3*d*. Expenses, Tuesday, 8 Jan., at Sutton in Holderness, on four justices sitting there, the undersheriff of York, escheator, bailiffs of Hortill and Holderness, and other ministers of the King, for delivery of 71 men of Beverley indicted for felony at Norton, £9 13*s*.

1449. Total receipts £93 4*s*. 8*d*.; expenses, £98 11*s*. 8½*d*.

Pavage expenses. 22 Apr. To John Holme, counsel for the community, for his labour and expenses in obtaining the Pavage patent ("prosecutione paviagii patentis") newly confirmed this year for ten years, £5 2*s*. 5*d*.

Common expenses. 1 May, the Governors, Henry Thwaytes, steward of the Archbishop, the bailiff, and others, for continuance of the muster to the end of Pentecost, 6*s*. 3*d*. Four capons and two gallons of red wine of Gascony presented to John Holme, baron of the Exchequer, for the honour of the community, 6*s*. 8*d*. Expenses of Stephen Tilson and William Atkinson riding with four horses to York, to communicate with Henry Vavasour for their answer to the letter of the King sent to the inhabitants of Beverley for money to be lent to the King, going and returning 2½ days, with hire of horses, 22 Sept., 7*s*. 8*d*. Expenses to Willesthorpe with letter to Henry Thwaytes as to divers transgressions of the men of Skipsea distraining burgesses of Beverley, 18 Oct., 4*s*. 6*d*. Expenses of the Governors of this year and of the year before on Thomas Wylton and William Gren as of counsel of the community, in the Guild Hall, as to the answer to be given to Thomas White and John Middelton against the patent sealed in Chancery obtained by Alexander Crayke to discharge him of money owed to the King and other contributions of the town hereafter, 5 Dec., 5*s*. 8*d*. Reward and expenses of William Sleforth carrying the tax of the town to London, payable ("pacabilis") there, 19 Jan., 26*s*. 8*d*. Expenses of eight Governors sitting in the Guild Hall to receive the tax five days, in bread, ale, and wine, 18 to 22 Feb., 4*s*. 3*d*. 18 March, dyeing the green cloth, nails, and red fringe "(redlasch)" for covering the Guild Hall table, 9*d*. Expenses on Thomas Wylton for his counsel with regard to ("versus") John Portyngton, junior, and Edmund Portyngton, as to the Chantry of Nicholas of Ryse in St. Mary's Church, newly confirmed by the said John and his wife, as appears in certain indentures sealed between them and the community, 9*d*.

Costs of the War ("guerrarum") against Scotland. Paid to Jane Sotheby, widow, for half a white woollen cloth, bought of her for the "heykes" for the men-at-arms, the archers, "heynsmen," and carriage men riding to the parts of Scotland, 28 June, 10*s*. 4*d*. Thomas Littester, for half a blue cloth, for work of the "heykys," 17*s*. Expenses of ten of the Twelve Governors, 29 June to 3 July, sitting in the Guild Hall to receive the men-at-arms and archers chosen to *travail* ("laborandum") to Scotland, 3*s*. 8*d*.. 1¼ yard of cloth of Reynes bought for working 1 Geton, price 2*s*. 10*d*. 1¼ yard of blue Tarteron bought for the same Geton 3*s*. 4*d*. 2½ [yards?] of white and blue silk of Paris bought for making the fringe round the said Geton 2*s*. 2*d*. 4 July, 9½ yards of the said silk in fringe ("frenge") round the said Geton 10*s*. For tailoring ("cissura") of the two half cloths for the "hykes" 10*d*. ¼ (*sic*) red buckram ("Bokirham") bought for making a socket ("soket") for the

Geton aforesaid 3*d*. 8 July, John Sixyndale, taylor, for making 28 "heykes" for the armed men and archers and others above-mentioned, and making the Geton, in all, 7*s*. ¼ of a red woollen cloth the same day for crosses on the heykes and for silver of Cyprus ("Sipris") bought for embroidering ("browderyng") the same, 8*d*.

Expenses of 8 Keepers after receiving the bills of all the constabularies of the town, charged to pay archers assigned to them, the said day, 7*d*.

Expenses on the archers after their labour at the muster on Westwode and of the Keepers in viewing the muster, 21*d*.

Last of July, for bread and wine given to armed men their servants and archers, riding twice to Scotland, 3*s* 4*d*.

John Foster riding to Hull for copy of a commission of truce ("trugæ") directed by the King to the said town, and a copy thereof, 12*d*.

Brian Holme, bailiff of Beverley, esquire, to pay a man carrying the Geton of the community to the parts of Scotland, 8 days, with hire of horse, 1*s*. a day, 8*s*.

William Atkynson, William Haweson, John Kelde, John Sixyndale, Thomas Cokirham, men at arms, and each of them for self and horse of the arrears of their wages ("vadiorum") one day returning from the parts of Scotland to Beverley, 2*s*. 8*d*. of the money of the community, 13*s*. 4*d*.

To twelve archers, each of them for self and horse one day's arrears of their wages (etc.) 16*d*.=16*s*.

William Atkynson for a bill sealed with the seal of the sheriff of Yorkshire, being a warrant in discharge of the said men at arms and archers released from the parts aforesaid, 20*d*.

Brian Holme, bailiff, man-at-arms, arrears of his wages, as appears by bill, examined and approved at the audit, 2*s*. 4*d*.
Total 5*l*. 5*s*. 4*d*.

Costs of Dinner. Expenses of the Great men ("magnatum") of the town dining together on the Audit day, in bread, wine, ale, flesh, capons, fowls, birds, spices, fuel, salaries of cooks and servants, and rewards, and small expenses, reckoned together as shown in bill examined at the audit, £5 0*s*. 0*d*.

A separate account of John Kelk's Chantry is appended; showing
Receipts, as per account of John Esthorp, chaplain, £7 4*s*. 2*d*.
Expenses:—For 9 of the 12 Governors of this year and 4 of the 12 of the year before dining together 3 days in July, over the scrutiny of the accounts, 9*s*. 4*d*. And expenses of the said Governors in the Guild Hall about the examination and true proof of the injuries wickedly and unjustly done by the said chaplain to the said chantry, through men worthy of confidence, 4*s*. 5*d*.

1450. New burgesses 14. Total receipts, £117 14*s.* 9½*d.*; expenses, £90 8*s.* 1¼*d.* From "Kelk rent" 33*s.* 3*d.* was received, with 13*s.* 4*d.* from Thomas Oversal, chaplain, one of the executors of the will of John Esthorpe, late chaplain of the chantry of John Ake. Eight-pence fine for carrying faggots to a woman in Flemmyngate before they had been priced by the Governors; twelve-pence, for abuse by a woman of the searchers of the craft of Bakers in doing their office. Paid to Richard Furbishour for keeping the arms, with twelve axes and six heads of six lances, 3*s.* 4*d.* In an offering made to Master William Percy, son of the Earl of Northumberland,* at celebration of his first mass, by nine of the Governors, each 6*s.* 8*d.*, for the honour of the community, £3. To Thomas Wethys, goldsmith, for mending the two silver shields of the community, 2 Oct., 12*d.* Alms to the craft of the Skinners for their pageant or play on Corpus Christi day, 4*s.* Cost of the common sewer in Keldgate by the Minster, called "Wateryngplace," including carrying "mudde" from it, 20 days, 33*s.* 5*d.* Several entries relating to the sending men south to support the King against "le Mortimer," otherwise Jack Cade, at the order of the Earl of Northumberland, are printed by Poulson, I. 216, but under the year 1456 instead of 1450, with some errors also in the text.

1460. The account for this year is the only one ornamented with illustrations. It begins with an elaborate C in red and black, with a scroll entwined bearing the words "Posui Deum adjutorem meum." Apparently it was intended to be the initial of *Compotus*, but a smaller C in red is repeated, and each initial letter in the heading is rubricated; the initials also throughout are very elaborate. Perhaps this extra care on the part of the scribe was due to the fact of the first Governor being Thomas Tone, *clerk*, or possibly to the entrance upon office of a new Common Clerk, Richard Dalkyn.

Twenty-four burgesses were admitted. The total receipts were £90 3*s.* 1½*d.*, and expenses £90 19*s.* 9½*d.* There are payments for keeping the Bars, caused by the beginning of the Wars of the Roses, and other expenses in consequence of the wars, which are printed in Poulson, I. pp. 226-243, together with items for entertainment of the Earl of Northumberland and costs on the feast of Corpus Christi. But the following are there omitted:—A gallon of red wine given to Sir Thomas Crakanthorpe on his return from Wakefield, and another gallon of wine given to the same after the muster was taken in the West ward 16 March, 2*s.* and red wine, expended by the Governors the same day after the muster, 15*d.* The "mouster" is almost immediately followed by the "taking" of Beverley, apparently by approach by water. "Expenses of the master of the great ship of Lord Warwick with his companions, at Beverley, in the house of John Sprotley, innkeeper ("ostiler"), by tally, 9*s.* 4*d*, and of divers esquires and

* William Percy, born 7 Apr. 1428, was appointed prebendary of Riccall in the church of York in 1436, and bishop of Carlisle in 1452!

sailors in Alice Bexwik's house in the month of April, as appears by tally, 10*s.* 8*d.* And paid to John Darcy, tailor, for making "del jakes" for the "sowgeours" with Lord Edward, King of England, 6*s.* 8*d.* The burgesses appear to have been forced to play a dangerously double game, in endeavouring to keep in with both the contending parties, for while they were paying for the clothing of K. Edward's soldiers they were also paying 20*d.* to "John Bower, riding to York with bows for King H." "Reward to Henry Awger, captain, that no one should plunder, 20*s.*" There are various entries for pike and bream bought for Lords Fawconbridge and Graystok, who occupied the town for Edward. Poulson's extracts are copious on these points. It is only necessary to correct one or two mistakes. The cloth of which eight yards were bought for the men-at-arms sent with Edward IV to Newcastle was not red but blue ("blodii"); and it was not a gift of four "wild fowl" that was sent by Lord Neville to the Keepers, but four deer, "feras."

Expenses of two of the Keepers riding to Frothingham to speak with John Holme, Baron of the Exchequer, for letters patent of the King for pavage, last day of May, 5*s.* Sueing out two complaints against the Prior of Bridlington, at the suit of Robert Vicars and Thomas Colynson, for taking toll at Bridlington, 14*d.* Expenses of the Twelve Keepers assembled by reason of distraint of men and burgesses of Beverley for toll to be paid at Bridlington in John Redesone's house, there being present divers of the more honest men of the town and two canons of Bridlington, 14*d.*

All these extra expenses of the war-time ran up the total of the "common" charges to the very unusual amount of £36 4*s.* 7½*d.*, which is exclusive of "taxes" contributed by the unfortunate inhabitants to both sides.

1494. From 1460 no accounts are extant for a whole generation, the next being those of John Seglystorne, Roger Moyses, and William Peyrson, &c., A.D. 1494.

		£	s.	d.
Total Receipts	- -	92	16	0½
Payments	- -	90	5	0½

There is a rather remarkable list of Fines this year.

12*d.* of John Armestrong, Alderman of the Tailors, because he did not bring in his Searchers to be sworn on the first day of sitting after their election, contrary to the order, and penalty of 40*s.*

The Aldermen of the Barbers and of the Dyers are fined for the same.

Four persons are fined for absence on St. Mark's Day.

John Rychardson, barker, is fined 22*d.* for selling a hide not well tanned.

William Taylor, fysscher, 6*d.* for carrying away certain fish from the Fish Market on Tuesday in Rogation week.

John Bylton "wever," 2*d.* for abusing the Common Sergeant in Westwood in the execution of his office.

John Husthwayte, Alderman of the "Sadillers," 6*d.*, because the Light of his Craft was not lighted on Feast days as specified in the Register.

Henry Payntor, Alderman of Paynters, fined 3*s.* 4*d.* for not rendering his account on the day stated in the Register.

Richard Boyth 6*d.* and 8 others the same, for coming to the Watch without defensive harness ("apparatu").

Robert Mounces, "wryght," for not telling his neighbours to come in harness, as ordered.

Henry Allman, one of the constables, for giving leave to his neighbour to remain at home during the watch, 4*d.*

John Steynson, bowcher, for entry and handsel ("gersuma") of a shop on south side of the Dyngs taken for 25 years by indenture, 13*s.* 4*d.*

Robert Weyll, fischer, for not doing his office in searching for herrings bad and out of season ("inseminatorum") coming to market and not searched, 4*d.*

Robert Smith, walker, for having a dead pig lying in the common street till it was carrion ("caryon") and refusing to bury it or move it when charged to do so by the 12 Governors, 8*d.*

Thomas Poteger, fyschar, because his servant bought a sein ("seyn") of sea fish and resold it regrating the market, against the penalty of 6*s.* 8*d.*, 8*d.*

John Schaklok for leading a catch with hay and corn into the Beck ("torrent") against the ordinance, 2*d.*

Robert Metcalfe, mylner, for having certain cows taken in the Common Averyce, not being a burgess, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Of the Bailiff of the Provostry for a gray mare delivered to him as a waif ("wayfe"), 12*d.*

Robert Whyte, merchant, for having a hound ("molossum") wandering in the streets without a keeper or a muzzle, against the penalty of 3*s.*, 3*d.*

26 others the same sum for the like offence.

William Kynge, Alderman of the Weavers, for having a brother in the brotherhood and livery ("vestura") not being sworn a burgess, contrary to the penalty of 40*s.*, 6*d.*

Receipts of Fagots (&c.)

£6 received of Thomas Peyrson and John Northend, masters of Westwood within the time of this account, viz. for 6000 fagots

cut and made by them in the wood of Westwood, besides 6*s*. 6*d*. paid for . . . . bought for binding the said bundles, with carriage and expenses, and besides 10*s*. to the said Thomas and John for their labour in making, selling, and collecting the money coming from the fagots; and besides 7*d*. for 20 fagots given to the Maison Dieu ("Masyndew") of Holy Trinity at the Cross Bridge, by way of alms; 7*d*. for 20 fagots given to the Maison Dieu of St. Mary's outside the North Bar; 7*d*. for 20 fagots given to the Lepers' house; 7*d*. for 20 fagots to Henry Powkeryng by agreement for fencing St. Giles' croft; 14*d*. for 40 fagots given to the fagot makers.

6*s*. from Alexander Bossall and John Steynson, masters of Fegang, for 200 fagots of willows.

13*d*. for fagots on Swynemore.

2*s*. 4*d*. of Thomas Bawde for offall of old wood ("aldewod") outside North Bar.

Subscriptions for pavement ("ex devocione") 46*s*. 4*d*.

Expenses.

Rents Resolute include payment to Archbishop's collector for "land or croft of S. Giles, belonging to the community, called Saynt Gely croft."

Lady of Derby, lady of manor of Cottynham, for firm issuing of Dyngs £4.

There are payments for wine given to master Richard Clifford, master Cholmley, master of the receipts, master Askewe, and others. Expenses at watch on the night of 17 Aug. by the King's command, 3*s*. 4*d*. Watch on 27 Dec. 4*d*., and watch on another night, 4*d*.

Robert Melton, Common Clerk.

1502. Total receipts, £96 6*s*. 6*d*. Expenses, £93 6*s*. 8*d*.

Sixteen new burgesses, including Alicia Wryght, described not as "spinster" but as "synglewoman." Fourteen shillings received as rent from the alderman of the Great Guild of St. Mary where the "Masyndewe" is built. Some of the receipts for fines are printed in Poulson, I. 260. To them may be added this curious one: "12*d*. of William Hewson, 'couper' speaking malicious words in the town and in taverns, saying that Charters belonging to the community were either absent or stolen." The repairs include those of "a long chambre at the Cross-garthes, with great part of the Hall, £5 17*s*."

The Expenses on entertainments of Magnates include:—

On St. Mark's day on Richard Cholmeley, knight, master Andrew Newman, Richard Rokeby, commissioners of the King and of the Archbishop, and other gentlemen in the house of Peter Crawe, 4*s*.

Sir Richard Cholmeley, knight, and John Hume, a Scotch knight, in John Henyson's house 24 July, 4*s.* 10*d.*

On the Council of the Archbishop and Earl of Northumberland at Edward Dugmanton's, 11*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses of master Robert Constable, knight, bringing a letter from the Archbishop to the 12 Governors, 3*s.*

Expenses last day of October on master Marmaduke Constable and Edward Savage, knights, 8*s.* 4*d.*

At Edward Dugmanton's inn ("hospicium") on William Savage and other gentlemen when they took the cognizance ("lez conysants") of the King to the town, 6*s.*

The expensive rewards entailed on the Governors by an invitation to breakfast with the Earl of Northumberland at Leconfield are given by Poulson, I. 262-3, but the expenses there noted on the "Lord of Misrewle" at Dugmanton's inn were in Beverley, not at Leconfield as he supposes. The payment to "Alicia Vice" of "the expenses of several gentlemen of the council of the said Earl" were not to any such questionable lady at all, but only "on another occasion" ("alia vice")! Poulson also mistakes (I. 267) the first item in the *Common Expenses*; the shilling there given to the Minstrels for drink was not on all the Rogation days but on the third ("feria tertia") only. Then follow expenses of the Twelve Governors on Cross Monday, which are printed by Poulson (*ib.* 259) with some mistakes in prices, &c., of which the chief is as follows: for "one tub of ale bought, the covering repaired with a piece of silver," read, "a tub of ale, 9*d.*; mending the cover of a piece of silver, 14*d.*" The Governors also contributed 4*d.* and not 3*d.* each to the expenses of the "castle," and the total expense to the community was therefore 11*s.* 11*d.* not 12*s.* 11*d.*

John Johnson and Richard Booth with 2 servants riding to York to speak with the Archbishop and the Council of the King, with wages of their servants, and horses, 4*s.* 8*d.*

Sir Robert Newton carrying a letter, viz. copy of the charters of divers Kings, to London, 8*d.*

For parchment bought, in which are written copies of divers charters, and which were sent to London to be shown before the judge of the Lord the King, against the town of Scarborough ("Scardeburg"), 4*d.*

Paid in broken money, viz. 1 oz. containing 4*s.* 7*d.*, for mending the 3 silver shields, 4*s.* 7*d.* And paid Andrew Goldsmyth for mending the said shields, 2*s.*

[This is wrongly given by Poulson, I. 267, who is followed by Messrs. Jewitt and Hope, II. 501, the words 1 oz. being omitted and "the third silver shield" substituted for the text.]

The cleansing of the streets is rather exceptionally included among "Common expenses." There seems to have been a general purgation of slums, including Spinny lane ("Spynyslane"), vault ("volta") at end of Barlyholme, Grenelane, end of lane called Colmankeld, vault by the "Spowte" of the Friars Preachers, one in Eastgate, one at Minster-bow, one in Mynstermoregate, Well lane, Cross Bridge, Bowbridge, lane by the Guyldhaule, Birdall middyng lane, lane by house of William Tirwhytt, knight, vault at Norwood, lane by Mr. Coppandale's, lane by wall in part of Walkerbeck near Qwyntyn place.

Loss of 11*s.* 8*d.* on bad money sold. Loss on a piece of bad ("corrupti") gold called 'A fyve shyllinge,' sold to Thomas Goldsmyth for 4*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses of the 12 Governors of the town, on the day of the playing of Corpus Christi, on themselves and Aldermen of divers crafts and burgesses of the town and other gentlemen meeting them, 30*s.* 9½*d.*

2 gallons and a bottle of Malvesey for the 12 Governors on the vigil and day of St. Mark, 2*s.* Beer for burgesses in Common Hall that day, 4*d.*

Next follow two elaborate accounts of presents ("exenniis," not, as in Poulson I., 265, "expensis") given to the Earl of Northumberland and the Archbishop of York, Thomas (Scott) of Rotherham, comprising such dainties as cygnets, heron sews, bitterns, 'schewlerds' and curlews ("kyrlews"). The details are given in Poulson (*loc. cit.*). The cost of the Earl's present was £2 9*s.* 7*d.* and of the Archbishop's £5 1*s.* 8*d.*

1519-20. Account of Richard Rassalls, John Wyllemot, Richard Pattoner, etc., A.D. 1519. Total receipts £103 17*s.* 2*d.*

New Burgesses 22.

Under the heading of "Transgressions" we may notice—

4*d.* of John Godchepp, because his servant cast a weir (or a net, *unum leyp*) in Fegangdikes to catch fish there; 4*d.* of John Yonge for two horses not bound with fetters shod behind, against the order; 6*d.* of John Stacy, barber, selling torches mixed with tallow and rushes ("cebo et rosellis") to the deceiving of the people of the Lord King; 3*s.* 4*d.* of William Abbot for abusing John Wylkynson, draper, one of the Twelve Governors; 12*d.* of Robert Mathew for working a horse's hide against the ordinance and to the deceiving (*etc.*)

Fees.

Under this heading John Anderson, the Common Clerk, received 53*s.* 4*d.*, a sum which represents a considerable augmentation of the usual salary of 40*s.*

Common Expenses include—

7*s*. spent by the 12 Governors being with Sir William Pyers, poet (*sic*), at Edmund Metcalff's house to make an agreement with him for transposing ["transposicione"] the Corpus Christi Play.

3*s*. 4*d*. given to the said William Pyers for his expenses and labour in coming from Wresill to Beverley for the alteration of the same.

6*s*. 8*d*. to a bearward of the King. 3*s*. 4*d*. to a bearward of the Earl of Kent.

8*d*. paid "old Whetley" for keeping and cleansing the "clew" at Parson-bryg.

2*s*. 4*d*. for 1*lb*. pepper, and 8*d*. given to a servant of the Earl of Northumberland for bringing a deer from him.

2*s*. given to the "trumpetts" of the Duke of Buckingham for playing before the Twelve.

2*s*. to the King's minstrels ("mimi") playing at Hasands.

10*s*. 8*d*. for carriage of the Westwood kydds this year.

5*s*. 8*d*. expenses of Mr. Receiver and the 12 Governors at Antony Goldsmyth's house dining on two bucks there. 3*s*. 4*d*. to the Lord Cardinal's foresters for bringing them; 6*d*. as a reward to the 4 yeomen.

14*d*. for expenses of John Crosley, Barnard, talour, and William Redshaw riding to York for a citation against the 12 Governors for suit of Court for the Common Hall and lands in the Cross Garths.

Expenses on Magnates.

6*s*. 8*d*. on master Archdeacon of Richmond and others on Rogation Days.

10*s*. for present to master Josselin Percy at Fox's house.

5*s*. for victuals and wine to the Lord Cardinal's auditor at the audit.

40*s*. for audit day expenses.

1520. Account of John Whyte, Henry Sanderson and Brian Falconer, A.D. 1519 to 1520, but there being another roll extant for that year it appears that the heading is wrong. The names of the Governors from whom the balance is received show that this is the later roll for 1520 to 1521.

Receipts, £100 19*s*. 12½*d*. Expenses, £60 8*s*. 5*d*. Balance from last year, £41 8*s*. 3½*d*.

Eleven new Burgesses.

A novel item of receipt is Rent of the Comnon Averis; of Staveley feld, from Martinmas to Candlemas (11 Nov. to 2 Feb.) 6*s*. 8*d*.; of Holme Kyrkeleas on each side of the road to Grovall, 6*s*. 8*d*.; of Northwood leas on south side of the road to the town, 4*s*.

Herbage of "Kelgat lez" this year 12*d*.

The old heading "Forfeitures" ("Forisfacturæ") now becomes (as in the preceding year), "offences" ("Transgressiones") but their nature is the same. We may notice—

4*d*. of Thomas (*sic*) for that he had a horse "shod byhynd" in Fegang, not tied.

2*s*. of Richard Trollopp, Alderman of Payntours, for that his Play of "Lez 3 Kyngs of Colleyn" was played badly and disorderly, in contempt of the whole community, in the presence of many strangers.

12*d*. of Richard Gaynstang, Alderman of Talours, for that his Play of "Slepyng Pilate," was badly played, against the ordinance made in that behalf. [These two entries are printed by Poulson, I. 278.]

2*s*. of William Patson, Alderman of Drapiers, for his play badly played; 4*d*. of the same because his pageant was not covered with decent dresses ("vestibus honestis").

8*d*. of John Peyke of Cotynghame for selling a measly pig ("porcum leprosum *Anglice* mesell") in the common market to the damaging of the people of the Lord King.

4*d*. of John Hancok, shomaker, for that he had worked a sheep's skin into shoes.

2*d*. of Robert Hollysworth because his shoes were not sufficiently made.

Among the receipts for woodfalls this year are 11*s*. 8*d*. for 35 tops ("toppes") of oaks in Westwood; of which 4 were given to the fabric of St. Mary's and to the Friars Minors.

Paving is included under "Common Repairs" with 18*s*. 7*d*. for mending the new louvre ("lover") of the "esyngs" under the "Common Hall."

John Anderson, Common Clerk.

Common Expenses include—

6*s*. 8*d*. to John Grene, bearward ("ursario") of the Lord Henry, Earl of Northumberland, for exhibition of dancing bears ("agitatione ursonum") in the market place ("foreceto") this year.

8*s*. 7*d*. to a goldsmith for exchange of a chalice belonging to Kelk's Chauntry, which was broken when St. Mary's Church fell.

8*d.* for a gallon of wine given to the Lord Cardinal's (*i.e.* Cardinal Thomas Bainbridge, Archbishop of York) Receiver when he rode to London.

6*d.* for carriage of the "gravell hills" (*sic*) from the market place at Rogation Days.

45*s.* 6*d.* for expenses of the 12 Governors and other gentlemen at the time of the Corpus Christi Play this year.

16*s.* for 4 new cushions ("quyshyns") for common use.

16*s.* 2*d.*, alms to divers poor infected in this great sickness ("infirmitate") at the Beckside, Kelgat, Kyrkleyn, and outside North Barr.

3*s.* 4*d.* for making a new ferryboat at Wele ferry.

4*d.* for a parti-coat ("parti cote") given to John Ventrus for overseeing the strange poor coming to the town this year.

1*s.* to Richard Rudd [*he was the Common Sergeant*] for expenses at Hulbrigg in Lent, preserving fish there.

17*d.* for expenses to Bugthorp to Robert Rokeby for his counsel concerning a letter of the King.

6*s.* 8*d.* to John Crossley for his horse lent to Robert White from Beverley to London to the King's Council for divers matters concerning the town.

8*d.* to Edmund Pattonson when the great sickness was in his house.

16*d.* to Henry Scot for "8 new shone for 2 horses that Robert White rode to London on."

10*d.* for provender ("præbenda") of the same for 12 days.

62*s.* 10*d.* for expenses of said Robert White riding to London for deliberation of a matter between the "Esterlyngs merchaunds" and the town of Beverley, for 19 days.

41*s.* 8*d.* for a "bay geldyng bought for Robert Whyte to ryde to London for the Town matter consernyng a byll of complaynt of the Esterlyngs, which horse was gyffyn to Robert Whyte for his labour," and 3*s.* 4*d.* for a new saddle given with the same horse and 4*d.* for the grazing ("greyssyng") the same between "May day and Mydsomer."

3*s.* 4*d.* to a "pursevaunt" of the King who brought a writ concerning the Esterlyngs.

3*s.* 4*d.* to another King's servant carrying a letter for keeping sea coals at Newcastle.

5*s.* 10*d.* for expenses of Sir de Crestynok and other servants of master Dalby, Provost, attending on him to the house Merebekks.

4*d.* to William Yong for keeping the grating ("grayte") at Parsonbridge.

Expenses on Magnates.

2 pike, bread, wine and other stuffs ("stuffuris") to master Ashton, clerk of the council of the Lord Cardinal, being at Beverley.

8*s.* 10*d.* for a present to Lord Percy, Earl of Northumberland at Beverley Park.

10*s.* 8*d.* for a present to master Dalby [*Provost of the Minster*] at his first coming into residence this year.

1522. Total receipts, £92 4*s.* 8*d.* Expenses, £72 13*s.* 3½*d.* Balance from last year, £37 2*s.* 3*d.*

Ten new burgesses.

Thomas Setryngton was fined 12*d.* for abusing Robert Gye, one of the twelve Governors, with unseemly words.

Five shillings given to Thomas Forster and others infected in the great sickness this year.

Five shillings to Master William Elson, learned in the law, for his counsel in making bills of musters for the King's commissioners. Spent by the 12 Governors at Robert Welle's house with the Master Mason ("latomo") of St. Mary's Church, 3*s.* 6*d.* For three ells of tawny cloth for a jacket for Thomas the keeper of "les beggers" 5*s.* For six ells of tawny cloth for Richard Rudd, common sergeant, 17*s.* To one William Worsley who showed the price of "ly castell" (Newcastle?) coals to the twelve Governors this year, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Duke of Suffolk's bearward, 12*d.* To a jester (*or* trumpeter? "joculatori") of the King playing before the 12 Governors, 8*s.* For the expenses of the Governors at the time of raising the prest-money for the King, 4*s.* 4*d.* Spent on Lord Henry Percy, Thomas Dalby, and Richard Rokysby, knight, the King's commissioners for the musters in the Westwood, 5*s.* 3*d.*

Expenses of stipendiaries hired against Scotland.

For nine score and twelve ells of white woollen cloth, from which nine score and sixteen white "jaketts" were made for that number of hired men going towards Scotland with master Richard Rukby, knight, their captain; their names are in the paper book in the office of the Governors, £9 19*s.* 2*d.* For red, green, and "yallow" cloth for the "conysaunces" and "garding" of the said jackets, 24*s.* 11*d.* For 16 ells of "fyne whyte," bought for Richard Rokeby, "graunte" captain, and Richard Creke, "petit" captain, of the said soldiers ("soldiorum") 21*s.* 4*d.* To John Wensley for 4½ sheaves ("shaff") of arrows for divers stipendiaries who had no arrows, 13*s.* 4*d.* For a bow for C. Qwrisby, 8*d.* 42*s.* for conduct money of so many soldiers from Beverley to York. Total, £15 1*s.* 5*d.*

1541. Balance from last year £39 8*s.* 10*d.* Receipts, £163 11*s.* 6*d.* Expenses, £123 6*s.* 9*d.*

Sixteen new burgesses.

A legacy of 13*s.* 4*d.* was received from Richard Saunderson, glover, deceased, for mending "decayd" roads. From Robert Broune, "pro lingnis vitreis" [or "viteris." *Qu.* wood and glass? or, old beams, *veteris* for *veteribus?*] from the chapel of St. Anthony, 3*s.* 4*d.* From the churchwardens ("gardianis") of St. Mary's, £30 (probably in repayment of money advanced for rebuilding the church).

Among the *Common Expenses* is an item of 18*s.* 3*d.* for the "jakket" of Henry Sergeand who appears to be a new Common Sergeant. *Common Repairs* amount to £29 3*s.* 1*d.*, including "whyteng of the North Bar" and "42*s.* 11*d.* for divers workmen in Friar Lane, and making "le Kyngs armes."

Expenses on Magnates were very high. 68*s.* 8*d.* in regard to the Kyng's players, the Prynces players, with other expenses of Magnates. £4 18*s.* 7*d.* in regard to the Knight Marshal of the King, and other officers, viz., "harolds, foytmen and trompitors."

£4 5*s.* for capons for the Archbishop.

38*s.* 6*d.* expenses of 4 of the Governors when the King came to Doncaster.

£10 for a benevolence given to our Lord the King. Total, £30 18*s.* 5*d.*

Fees include—

53*s.* 4*d.* to a new Common Clerk, John Thurland, and 40*s.* to Henry Sergeant, common sergeant. Henry Sergeant also received 6*s.* 8*d.* as keeper of Westwood, and 6*s.* 8*d.* as keeper of the market.

3*s.* 4*d.* to Richard Wendyke for "le burgese house."

Audit Day (again these expenses are very high) £6.

Among the "pledges" may be noticed—

2 copeboards, a pare of bedestoks in house ferme of Wyllyam Gallande, 6*s.* 8*d.*

A croyke with a cheyne for pullinge down of houses, 6*s.* 8*d.*

8 pare of styrope ledders, a whyt breeste garth, 2 blake headstalls, 2 reynes, 18 single garthes and 11 snaffulls, 8*s.*

5 yards of kylne heyre [*sic*] for burgese money of Wyllyam Gyll, 20*d.*

1545. 37 Henry VIII. Account of Robert Gray, John Westowt, Robert Thomson, &c. Balance from last year £69 9*s.* 4*d.* Total Receipts £199 16*s.* 11*d.* Expenses £189 7*s.* 5*d.*

Fifteen new Burgesses.

Transgressions include—

6*d.* of Robert Ledhouse "for tayking in a brother befor he was burges."

4*d.* of Thomas Hardy for a "rescowe, whan hys catell was goynge to the feyld."

2*d.* for wood lying in the street.

8*d.* of John Standeven for selling candles beyond the price limited to him by the Twelve.

At last we get a translation of the odd phrase "extrahura pasturarum," viz. *Dryvynge of Pasture.*

"*Foren Receytes*" include—

6*s.* of William Brownberd and Richard Hodge for butter money.

£8 of the same for rent of divers stalls.

£40 of the Churchwardens of St. Mary's.

Common Expenses include—

45*s.* 3*d.* paid "secke folke as appereth by dyverse bylls thereof."

28*s.* to collect of the King's subsidy for the common lands of Beverley.

4*s.* 4*d.* to "soldyors" at muster in Westwood.

12*d.* for shoeing the common horse and a lock to him.

15*s.* "in regard to the wayts affore Crystmas towardes ther lyveres."

2*s.* "in regard to the master of the begars."

£27 15*s.* 8*d.* "for costs and charges of 4 speremen, duo carters and coyts and conducte money of 10 soldyors and for a horse given to Sir John Ellerker."

£5 3*s.* 4*d.* over and besides £8 0*s.* 8*d.* "received for leade of the Masyndowe, and 2*s.* received of dyverse persons, payede for scouryng of Beverley Beke."

2*s.* 2*d.* to the Vicar of St. Mary's for tithes of Horse green.

The entry of *Expenses of Great Men* occurs for the first time in English.

18*s.* 8*d.* expended of Mr. Lieutenant ("Levetenand") when he took muster in Westwood.

20*s.* 8*d.* for 8 cranes and 5 bitterns ("bytters") given to master Governours.

45*s.* for a present sent to Hull to my Lord Lieutenant and for other preparation made for his lordship.

The Rents ("*Resoluciones*") hitherto paid to the Archbishop are now paid to the King, who had now acquired, by exchange with Archbishop Holgate, the manor of Beverley, viz. £5 from Westwood, 2*s*. for a piece of land outside North Bar, 7*s*. for Saint Gilly croft, 10*d*. for a tenement in Kelgate, 13*s*. 4*d*. for Dyngs; £5 6*s*. 8*d*. for Toll, while 4*s*. is paid to Mr. Leeds for Free rents at Cross Bridge.

Fees. Robert Hyll, chaplain at the Cross Bridge, now for the last time probably, receives his salary of £4 2*s*.

3*s*. 4*d*. to the Bailiff of Beverley for Burges house.

Among pledges are 5 sheafs of arrows for burgess money 10*s*.

A bow for a common lane 6*d*.

John Thurland, Common Clerk.

1556. 2 and 3 Philip and Mary. "Deus cepta secundet. Jesus."

Account of Robert Grey, Richard Fewill, Richard Grenehop, &c., 12 Governors or Keepers of the town and community of Beverley. Balance from last year, £33 11*s*. 8*d*.; Total Receipts, £140 4*s*. 10½*d*.; Expenses, £108 16*s*. 3*d*.

Sixteen new Burgesses.

The Receipts no longer include any Chantry Rent.

The other rents are much the same; but there may be noticed—

3*s*. 4*d*. of Robert Hill, clerk, for his chamber with garden in the Trinitie Masondewe, [which is the same he paid before, and means that the Maison-dieu went on as before].

2*d*. of the King and Queen's Receiver for the late chantry of St. Nicholas.

2*d*. of the same for the late 7 Rectors, for the heirs of Mayn, for sewer in Flemynggate.

2*s*. of the same for John Wright for a "poste gate."

5*s*. of the same for the late 9 Vicars for a lane in Mynstermoregate.

6*s*. of the same for a lane late in the tenure of Nicholas Hogard, clerk.

Nothing received of common Averys this year, because it seemed otherwise good to the masters and the community.

Transgressions include—

2*d*. of Roger Newson for being and fishing in Fegang by night against the ordinance.

2*s*. 6*d*. of Christopher Rawe, by way of fine, for his restitution, on his submission, to the liberty of the town.

Common Expenses are headed by the new and significant item of—

4*d.* paid for faggots to burn books.

14*d.* for two royal letters missive, for the Mayor of Pomfret and the Bailiff of Ripon.

2*s.* for searching and carrying King Edward's charter to London.

20*s.* in reward to the Queen's Players.

3*s.* for wine for Reverend men.

5*s.* 4*d.* for wine and pears for the Lord President.

20*s.* to John Raffulls for part of the belfry ("pro parcella campanilis").

£5 8*s.* 8*d.* for expenses about Toll against Pomfrett and Ripon.

30*s.* for the minstrels' ("mimorum") liveries.

£4 0*s.* 6*d.* for expenses at York for toll in Lent sessions there.

6*s.* 8*d.* for serving the royal letter on the Mayor of Pomfrett.

Rents include the new item of £4 to the King and Queen for the Trinitie Masondewe; so that it would appear that the town had to purchase the Maison Dieu from the Crown as a chantry, though hospitals for the poor were not within the Chantries Act.

Among *Fees* occurs—

26*s.* 8*d.* to Robert Hill, clerk, as a reward, for his augmentation.

Michael Haryson is now the Common Clerk.

Among the *Pledges* a more explicit description is given of the "crook for pulling down houses" as "One great iron croke with a chyne for pluking downe houses at skathe fyers, 6*s.* 8*d.*"

They include also—

One Hand-gun ("goin"), the price 5*s.*

2 Hemp cords for 2*d.*, 2 sylver thimbles for 4*d.*, one sylver tache, for 2*d.*, one hemp coler for 1*d.*, and one Inglishe primer for 2*d.*, takyn of Yorkmen and in the custody of Richard Pereson.

1557. Account of William Sandes, Christopher Farar, Richard Craven, &c., 3 and 4 Philip and Mary. Balance from last year £33 6*s.* 8*d.* Receipts £140 15*s.* 4*d.* Expenses £102 18*s.* 8½*d.*

Nineteen new Burgesses.

In the *rental of the Dyngs*, the term "opellam" is used apparently as meaning a shop.

Among *Common Rents* a new name seems to occur in "16*d.* for 2 sebions [selions?] in *Oswaldgate.*"

Among *Small rents* we find—

4*d.* for a lane called Turne agayne lane.

10*d.* for le Cat fosse lane.

8*d.* of Richard Johnson for le Weste Masendue lane.

20*d.* of the heirs of widow Garbrey for the Tentoure lane.

4*d.* of Matthew Garbreye for the Whyte lane.

6*d.* for the Shypper lane on south part of Flemmyngate.

12*d.* of Alice Saunderson for the Spynes lane.

8*d.* of Edmund Metcalfe for the Coyner lane.

2*d.* of Peter Atmarr "pro 1000 sterquiliniis" outside the gate of Westwood.

Transgressions produce, *inter alia,*—

3*s.* 6*d.* from 6 people for selling candles contrary to the ordinance.

16*d.* from 4 people for "le tye dogges."

6*d.* from Alexander Bradshaw, clerk, for impleading divers men outside this Court without leave.

4*d.* of John Watson for paying toll ("le toole") at Malton against the ordinance.

6*d.* for selling herrings ("halicium") against the ordinance.

Foren Receytes include—

2*s.* of "le Wattermen" for their disobedience.

10*d.* of the Alderman of "le Carpenters" for the forfeiture of Robert Pinder in his craft.

3*s.* 4*d.* of the Alderman of "le Glovers" for the like.

19*d.* of the Alderman of "le Mynstrelles" forfeit among them.

18*d.* for half the Buttery ("Buteri") forfeits.

4*s.* 6*d.* of Henry Power and Richard Bullock for a "standing" on Rogation days of one "le upholster."

£17 10*d.* of Richard Pearson for Toll and Stallage.

Common Expenses include—

6*s.* 2*d.* for a royal writ against Ardington.

47*s.* 5*d.* to the King's serjeants at the Musters and for keeping Hulbridge.

£4 15*s*. 7½*d*. on Reverend men, viz. Thomas Wharton, etc. and on toll and other things, as appears in 4 separate bills of William Sands.

12*d*. for mending the stocks in Keldgate.

12*d*. paid by Robert Sparrowe about the Masendue of St. Mary's outside the Bar.

£3 0*s*. 2*d*. to Richard Bell, draper, for 10 soldiers' ("sowdgers") white cotes with red crosses.

10*s*. in reward to Lord Skroope's players.

53*s*. 4*d*. to a Searcher or a pewterer ("putherer") of London for agreement between him and our neighbours the "putherars."

Among *Pledges* are—

1 dozen and 8 Flemmyshe saltes being tinn, 16 spoones tynn, a puther dyshe, 2 brasse weaghtes, a leade weaght, a horse lock, a peace of Aron Balle or Bealme and a skale.

15.. . An imperfect bill; the first sheet lost. Receipts, £135 13*s*. 6*d*. Expenses, £107 7*s*. 10*d*.

Foren Receipts include 9*s*. 6*d*. for the old "campanatore" (belfry?) of the Lady Masondewe; 5*s*. of James Rediscaile for drying oats on the kiln on Sunday; 16*d*. of Robert Farer for abuse of his brethren the Governors.

Transgressions include 39*s*. 4½*d*. from 38 brewsters (of whom five were women) for disobedience to the Twelve concerning the sale of beer. The proportion of brewers to population is enormous.

Common Expenses. 13*s*. 4*d*. and a tree given in "regard" among the inhabitants of Wele and the mending of "le ferry-bote." 24*s*. to servants and officers of Lord Perecye on his first incoming. £8 10*s*. for divers "bybee," *Anglice* wethers, given to Lord Perecye. 20*s*. to the Queen's players. 50*s*. for minstrels' liveries and badges. 7*s*. for exchange of money at London. 10*s*. 3*d*. lost at Michaelmas when money fell. £5 6*s*. 8*d*. paid and spent by the commissioners on mustering days and at Kingston-upon-Hull at divers times when they were there as witnesses, and for sealing of the award, and on Lord Perecye, and other common expenses, as appears by Adam Spencer's bill. 6*s*. paid for *paper of the King of England* (?) 10*s*. paid and spent by John Haryson going to Hull divers times, and for writing divers proclamations as appears by bill.

Fees include 13*s*. 4*d*. for the Common Clerk, John Haryson.

1558. Account of Matthew Garberey, Robert Thompson, Richard Fewle, Richard Greenhope, Richard Bell, draper, William Grey, Thomas Settrington, Arkenwald Shipherde, Thomas Daye,

John Adamson, Adam Spence and Robert Farer: 4 and 5 Philip and Mary. Total Receipts, £145 4*s*. 8*d*. Expenses, £158 11*s*. 11½*d*. Arrears from last year, £38 16*s*. 7½*d*. New Burgesses 16.

Among *Transgressions*—

Nine persons are fined 2*s*. each for selling beer contrary to the ordinance.

Two persons are fined 4*d*. for their pigs in St. Mary's Church yard, and another for his pig entering at liberty the common street.

Two more the same for a cow in their neighbours' gardens.

Expenses, in most cases said to be "as appears by bill of Thomas Settrington"—

56*s*. for 18 greaves for soldiers.

34*s*. 6*d*. for blue colour for the little tunics of the soldiers.

26*s*. 8*d*. for Christopher Thimabie and Roger Catton going to Lords Westmorland and Northumberland.

£11 18*s*. 4*d*. for certain necessaries for the soldiers and for business against Hull for Hull Bridge.

15*s*. 3*d*. for cloth of yellow and green for facings ("laciniis") of the tunics of the soldiers.

4*s*. for allowances (? "salarinis") for horses for William Francklande and others.

30*s*. 8*d*., 4*s*. 8*d*., and £5 16*s*. 8*d*. spent at York on the business of Hull Bridge.

£24 19*s*. and £13 16*s*. 8*d*. spent at London for the same.

6*s*. 10*d*. for wine when Queen Elizabeth was proclaimed.

2*d*. "pro uno le money-bagge."

40*s*. for the Waits' liveries and badges.

23*s*. 4*d*. for a bill at B. Mary's Masondewe outside North Bar.

2*s*. 6*d*. for paupers' badges.

Fees include 6*s*. 8*d*. to executors of Robert Hill, clerk, and 5*s*. 4*d*. to John Harrison, Common Clerk.

1562. Balance from last year £23 17*s*. 5*d*. Receipts, £297 1*s*. 7*d*. Expenses £251 18*s*. 2*d*. Thirty new Burgesses.

The fines are for ordinary offences: throwing rubbish in the streets, and not keeping channels clean; bad herrings in Walkerbeck; disobeying ordinances, &c.

A "benevolence" of £54 10*s*. 1*d*. was collected towards scouring the stream called Beverley Beck, as appears by a book thereof.

Among the *Common Expenses* is a payment of 13*s*. 4*d*. to John Harison, the Town Clerk, for going to York with "Magna Carta," and for writing a deed, as appears by a bill thereof. This "Carta" was of course the Great Charter of the town, but Poulson, who prints this entry under the wrong date of 1560 (I. 315) supposes that it was a printed copy of the Magna Charta of K. John, and that Harison was paid for making a MS. transcript of it!

Twenty shillings were paid to the Queen's players, and 13*s*. 4*d*. to the Duke of Suffolk's players. 10*s*. for the minstrels' badges ("signis"), and 53*s*. 4*d*. for their tunics and Robert Browne's. 20*s*. to Lord Robert Dudley's bearward, and 5*d*. for wine for him. 8*d*. for a bellrope for the Trinity Masondieu, and 5*s*. 4*d*. for repairs on that house and the Lady Masondieu.

18*s*. spent on the King of Arms at Hardie's.

£75 18*s*. for scouring the Beck.

£59 16*s*. 11*d*. on two occasions going to London to Lord Robert Dudley, as appears by two bills thereof.

12*d*. to a poor woman for keeping a lame boy.

Resolucions. The rents payable to the Queen for the Dyngs, Westwood, &c., representing the Archbishop's lordship, are now paid to Lord Robert Dudley, but that for the Trinity Maison Dieu is still paid to the Queen.

The *Implements* include 52 flacketts, 10 lead hammers ("lede malles"), 3 arrow bags and 2½ sheafs of arrows.

1570. 12-13 Eliz. Richard Bullock, Thomas Settrington, Edmund Stowte. Receipts, £201 0*s*. 0½*d*. Expenses, £133 17*s*. 7*d*. 17 new Burgesses. Common Clerk, £4 13*s*. 4*d*.

? 1572-3. [So stated outside, but the date is torn away.] Richard Bullock, Thomas Settryngton, Robert Fayur, etc., 12 Governors or Keepers. Receipts £253 3*s*. 9*d*. Expenses £187 12*s*. 4*d*. 9 new Burgesses £1 each.

Among *Common Expenses* are payments to players "Comitis Leicestriæ," £1 10*s*. Lusoribus Magistri Richardson 8*s*. For a seal 12*s*. (From subsequent accounts it appears that Richardson was the Grammar School master.) John Harison (the Town Clerk) for his fee, £6 13*s*. 4*d*.

On the back among other items is, "Lottry money. The said Accomptants to be accompte of x*s*. due to Mr. Lacy," etc.

Among the *Implements* are, "v. greate cheanes of iron for calseyes (causeways). The Waits' chaines and skutcheons of silver, vj bowes and vij shefe of arrows, viij leade malls."

1573. Edward Ellerker, Esq., William Farley, &c., late Governors, and Edward Ellerker, late maior of Beverley aforesaid, Richarde Wilson, Richarde Bullock, &c., now Governors from

S. Mark's Day, 15 Eliz., to Michaelmas in the same year. This is the first account written in English. On the incorporation the account day was changed from S. Mark's Day to Michaelmas Day. Receipts, £277 18*s*. 11*d*. Total Expenses £288 16*s*. 6*d*.

Two new Burgesses, one paying 10*s*., one 15*s*. 62 fined 4*s*. to 4*d*. for brewing without licence.

Sale of trees in the Hirne, £196 3*s*. 10*d*.; thorns there, £6 4*s*.

Paide and spent by Mr. Bullock, Mr. Wilson, &c., in and about th'opteyninge of the new chartre graunted unto the Maior and Governors and Burgesses of Beverley by our most gracious soveraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth at the sute and requeste of our most benigne lorde therle of Lacyter, as apperith by a particular booke thereof made, £223 1*s*. 10*d*.

Paide for a fyne in th'eschequour to the Queen's Majestie for the common busshell, as appeirith by the sherif his depute's acquitance, £1 0*s*. 4*d*.

Paid for the lesser mace of silver at York, £1 5*s*. 5*d*.

Paid for parcell of the chareges of the newe pryson, as plainelye dothe appeare by a bill of Mr. Farley thereof made, £4 10*s*. 2*d*.

Paide more for makinge the new pryson, as appears by another bill of Mr. Farley, £4 8*s*. 0*d*.

Paide for wine, sugar, etc., to my Lord President when he came thoroughe the Towne, 12*s*. 6*d*.

More for new prison, as appeareth, &c., £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

1574. Richard Bullocke, maior, Michaelmas 15 Eliz., to Michaelmas 16 Eliz. 25 new Burgesses £1 each. Receipts, £428 16*s*. 10*d*. Expenses, £456 4*s*. 11*d*. For trees on Hirne, £132 12*s*. 5*d*.

For the first time the fines on the Assizes of Bread and Beer come into the Town accounts.

48 bakers were fined for short weight sums varying from 8*s*. to 4*d*., £4 16*s*. 1*d*.

45 brewsters for selling aile with unlawful measures; fines from 6*s*. 8*d*. to 6*d*., £4 16*s*. 0*d*.

Estreats of the Court of Record are a new item.

One man is fined 3*s*. 4*d*. for making "a fraie": 34, 20*d*. "for ditches not cleansed": 12, 3*s*. 4*d*. or 2*s*. 6*d*. for killing calves under 6 weeks old. And there is a long list of other small fines filling 3 membranes of parchment, chiefly for "non-appearance" or "default in suit of court," but including 6*d*. for being a common drunkard, and 12*d*. for abusing a constable.

Among *Expenses*: Given to Mr. Richardson when his scholars plaid in the Hancehouse 5*s*. A "butt of Seck" to my Lord President, £10. The Mayor for his diet £30, and for courts, £8.

1575. In this account the "rents, revenues, issues and profits belonging to the church of St. John of Beverley, and now appropiate to the Hanshouse," appear for the first time.

The Minster Rents are however only given in gross at £68 18*s*. 2*d*.

Fees and Wages as well for the Town as the Minster. First, paid to Mr. Richardson, clerk, Master of the Grammar School for one whole year's wages, £21 0*s*. 0*d*.

John Stubbs as well for the clerkship of the Town as for his office in the Minster, £13 0*s*. 8*d*.

In the face of this and other payments yearly for the Grammar School, Poulson states (I. 452) that the first entry "which has any reference to the subject" is on the rolls for 1605. The fact is that with the Minster property the Corporation took over the obligation to support the Grammar School, which he rightly says "is of great antiquity and coeval with the Society of St. John."

1578. Minster Rents, as by the rental thereof doth appear, £68 18*s*. 2*d*.

Payments :—

Mr. Prylor in part of the purchase of the Trinities, £20 0*s*. 0*d*.

Paid to Mr. Beckwithe of York, goldsmith, for making of the silver mace and for the silver plate of the same, £5 17*s*. 2*d*.

Waits' liveries, 28 Nov., £2 7*s*. 3*d*.

Fees and Wages :—

In primis to Mr. Richardson, governor of the Grammer Scholle, for his wholle yere's fee, £21 0*s*. 0*d*.

John Stubbs, clerk of the town, £13 6*s*. 8*d*.

Sir Thomas Sanders keping the Minster clocke, 6*s*. 8*d*.

1584-5. An accompt of Peter Harpham, late Maior of the towne of B. within the county of York, of all and singular the rents, revenues, issues and profits and commodities appertaining to the Hansehowse and commonalty of the same town and of all the rents revenues issues and profits belonging to the church of St. John of B. and now appropriate to the said Hansehouse, and of all the rents belonging to the decayed lands granted to the same town by Mr. Walker, and also of all the expenses, &c., of, for and concerning the said town and church, from Michaelmas, 26 Eliz.

	£	s.	d.
Old and New Burgesses	26	6	10
Towns Rents :—			
Dynges	7	2	2
Crossegarthes	1	19	0
Common Rents	17	10	6
Small Rents	2	3	1
Quenes Rents	26	9	4
Minster Rents	75	14	4
Quyte Rents	0	11	2
Bakers' Fynes	1	11	6
Court of Record	19	19	10
Contributions and Upsets	1	3	0
From Aldermen of Guilds.			
Transgressions	6	11	8
Fynes in the Court	0	17	4
Old Debts	79	3	7
Forren Receipts	64	12	9
For 6 several Cowsheds, 6*s*.			
Towle (*i.e. Toll*)	27	0	0
Ed. Thompson for ye Towle, includes toll of 2 coverlet weavers.			
Londiners Standings	5	5	10
Draining of Pastures	7	12	1
Kyddes	15	14	6
Court of Record	5	0	0
Gaole	6	13	4
Buriall in the Mynster	0	13	4
Sir G. Kitchen.			
Sessions at Michaelmas and Easter	5	15	0
Wood sold in Westwood	159	3	2
Consealyd Lands	195	7	4
Fynes of St. Mary Church Lands	22	19	8
Shodd Carts	1	2	6
Attorney Fees	14	5	7
Assistants of ye Church	18	13	4

?1585. Mich. 26 Eliz. to 27. Fees and wages :—

To Mr. Whincop, preacher, for his fee, £30.

Mr. Kitchen, one of the Assistants, £16.

Mr. Recorder, £10.

Nathaniel Gossop for keping the Grammer Scole for three quarter of a yere, 7*s*. 10*d*.

1590. Among Minster payments :—

Work about the Scowle house.

Item payd as appereth by a bill dated the 8th of Jan., 9*s*. 11*d*.

To Mr. Whincop, £32.

Mr. Kitchen, £16.

Mr. Bardon [the Grammar Schoolmaster] as parte of his fee, £7 16*s*. 8*d*.

1648-9. Accounts of Churchwardens of St. Mary's. Building the New Loft for 13 pews, £33 19*s*. 4*d*.

1651-2. Account of Churchwardens of St. Mary's. To Sir Michael Walton for the use of the Commons of England, £1 8*s*. 8*d*. In August, paid for ringing on a day of thanksgiving for our great victory over the Scots, 9*s*. 6*d*.

	£	*s*.	*d*.
Rental	51	14	2
Fines	18	6	6
Burials in Church and Chancel	5	3	4
Old Lofts, Rents &c.	3	2	6
Pews	2	8	7
Arrears	0	13	4
	81	8	5
Expenses	70	6	10

To Poor on election of Churchwardens, 6*s*.

Spent at Thomas Smailes' upon the same day with the Maior and others, 5*s*.

Bread and wine for Communions, £2 4*s*. 8*d*.

Books in the Chancell, 3*s*. 8*d*.

An owle-killing in the Church May 29th, 6*d*.

Churchwardens and Church officers dinners when they gathered Whit-Sunday rent, 8*s*.

A stone of "wyer" (wire) for the clocke and chymes, 10*s*.

Paid the Ringers on the day of thanksgiving for the great victory over the Scotts at Worcester, 20*s*.

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